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OF THE

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FOR THE

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OF THE

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IN THE

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FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THIS SOCIETY.

ITEM, I give to the INCORPORATED SOCIETY FOR THE CONVERSION AND RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION AND EDUCATION OF THE NEGRO SLAVES IN THE BRITISH WEST INDIA ISLANDS, the sum of £ , to be raised and paid by and out of all my ready money, plate, goods, and personal effects, which by law I may or can charge with payment of the same, *(and not out of any part of my Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments),* and to be applied towards carrying on the charitable purposes for which the said Society was incorporated.

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REPORT,

&c. &c.

The Report of the Society's Proceedings during the last year, though it can be expected to give but an imperfect and very limited view of the state of Religion generally throughout the *West India* Colonies, bears ample testimony to the beneficial tendency of the plans which have been adopted, at the suggestion of the *West India* Bishops, for the Religious Instruction and Education of the Negroes, and to the steady progress which sound Religion is making in their Lordships' Dioceses.

In addition to the Three Branch Associations previously established, Four others have been formed, sanctioned by the Highest Authorities in their respective Islands, and liberally supported by the voluntary contributions and personal exertions of the Leading Inhabitants. The Society has, in consequence, Establish-

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ments in *St. Thomas in the East*, in the Diocese of *Jamaica;* and in *Barbados, St. Kitt's, Nevis, Antigua, Grenada,* and *St. Vincent's* in the Diocese of *Barbados* and the *Leeward Islands;* with an increased income of 905*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.* arising from annual Subscriptions paid to the respective Branch Associations in the *West Indies,* by resident Proprietors and others, and the sum of 726*l.* 5*s.* 11*d.* which has been received as Donations from the same quarter: exclusive of the Subscriptions and Donations of the Island of *St. Vincent,* of which no account has been yet received *.

With this gratifying testimony before them of the zeal and liberality with which the work of Religious Instruction and Education is upheld in the *West Indies,* the Governors would have been happy to state that the increase of Subscriptions at home had corresponded. Applications have been generally made, but with very limited success. They are desirous, however, to do justice to those Proprietors of Estates and other persons connected with *West India* interests resident in this country, who have given active and liberal support to the Branch Associations of the Islands with which they are respectively connected.

Among the Donations will be remarked the

* The sums above stated are given in colonial currency.

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munificent Legacy of 1000*l.* bequeathed by the Honourable and Right Reverend *Shute Barrington, D.D.* Lord Bishop of *Durham,* who, during his life time, was an annual subscriber to the Funds of the Society, and had recently assisted it by a liberal contribution.

In consequence of the division of *Demerara* and *Essequibo* into Parochial Districts, the Society has been released from the very heavy expense which it had incurred in providing for the Religious Instruction required in those Colonies: and it is gratifying to state that all the Chaplains engaged in its service have been preferred by his Excellency the Governor.

The funds thus released amount to 1250*l.*: 1000*l.* of which has been placed at the disposal of the *West India* Bishops for the maintenance of Catechists and Schoolmasters.

At the solicitation of the Lord Bishop of *Barbados* and the *Leeward Islands,* the further sum of 100*l.* has been voted in aid of the School recently established in *George Town* under the superintendance of Lady *D'Urban:* and a similar grant has been made for the Schools in the *Bermudas,* at the request of the Lord Bishop of *Nova Scotia.* Humble as his Lordship describes these Schools to be, and far inferior to his proposed arrangements, they have already he states been very useful, and are breaking up the

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ground and preparing it for better cultivation hereafter *.

Smaller grants have also been made :—of Ten Pounds to the Reverend Mr. *Paterson,* of *Kingston, Jamaica,* for the purchase of Books for his Sunday School recently established; of twenty copies of *Harte's* Lectures to the Right Honorable Lord *Bexley,* at the request of the proprietor of *Dover Estate, Annotto Bay, Jamaica.* for the Religious Instruction of the Negroes in that neighbourhood; and of one hundred copies of the same work to the Lord Bishop of *Barbados* and the *Leeward Islands,* for the use of Catechists and Schoolmasters.

The Governors cannot close the account of their transactions at home without offering a tribute of respect to the memory of their late

* Though the *Bermudas* are not strictly speaking *West India* Islands, the Governors could not allow the application of the Lord Bishop of *Nova Scotia* to pass without that respectful attention which was due to it, as being so immediately directed to the objects of their Charter, and made to them under the circumstances of his Lordship having engaged to support these Schools for the present year at his own expense. As it cannot be expected that this latter grant should be annual, it is sincerely hoped that the Bishop may be provided with the means of putting the Schools in the *Bermudas* upon a permanent footing: a measure which excites the greater anxiety, as the inhabitants are unequal to accomplish it without assistance.

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Treasurer, *Thomas Porteus, Esq.* whose valuable services had been at the command of the Society from the date of its Incorporation, and who felt a deep interest in it, as organized by the pious zeal of his near Relative.

Mr. *Porteus* is succeeded in his Official Appointment by *Christopher Hodgson*, Esq., *Dean's Yard, Westminster.*

DIOCESE OF JAMAICA.

The Lord Bishop of this Diocese in his Letters addressed to the Board, speaks with much satisfaction of his visit to the Parishes of *St. Thomas in the East*, and *St. James ;* and of the successful manner in which the instruction of the Negroes is there carried on. His Lordship had perceived the great effects resulting from the Clergy Bill, which was giving order, consistency, and authority to the Ecclesiastical Establishment. He considers this one of the most important measures ever passed by the Colonial Legislature ; and one, by which the Clergy are placed in a situation calculated to give effect to their labours. He is most anxious to follow up the experiment so auspiciously commenced in *St. Thomas in the East*, by the formation of a

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Branch Association for the Religious Instruction of the Negroes; as he thinks other Parishes are beginning to catch the flame of emulation, and to imitate the wise and judicious measures which are producing such good effects in that part of the country.

Sir *George Rose*, Sir *Edward Hyde East*, Mr. *Foulkes*, and others, had sent most encouraging communications to the Association. Sir *G. Rose* has offered to bear the whole expense of giving instruction to his people, and wishes schools to be established on all his estates. The Bishop feels the difficulties of his arduous and responsible situation increased by reason of the inadequate number of his Clergy. It is his decided conviction that the great work is advancing as rapidly as any reasonable person can expect. He trusts the greater proportion of the community have a sincere desire to ameliorate the condition of the Slaves, by imparting to them the blessing of Religious Instruction: and he is equally certain that the mode of effecting this desirable object, the least objectionable and the most popular among the great mass of the Proprietors, or their representatives, is through the Instrumentality of the Established Church. His Lordship has appointed three Catechists, whose salaries will be paid from the Society's funds: namely, Mr. *George Pinnock* of

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St. Mary, Mr. *Rose Reid* to *St. Catherine,* and Mr. *Thomas Cleland Sharpe* to *St. James;* and it is his intention to appoint two more, one for *St. Andrew's* and one for *Kingston,* as soon as he should meet with young men whom he might think fit to fill this subordinate office under the direction of the Parochial Clergy.

The Bishop informs the Board that another large Sunday School had been established in *Kingston* in the month of *August* last by voluntary contributions; and states that Mr. *Paterson,* the Island Curate there, had spoken of the Inhabitants as having come forward in a most liberal manner; and that he is sanguine enough to hope in a short time to establish a National School *. In the present distressed state of *Kingston,* where in consequence of the late commercial embarrassments the taxes can scarcely be raised, his Lordship considers this as very important information; and trusts it will be taken

* "The entire sum of Five Hundred Pounds, placed by the Society (for Promoting Christian Knowledge) at his Lordship's disposal has been appropriated to the purposes of Education. A new Parochial School has been opened in *Spanish Town,* and there is good reason to hope that if a sufficient number of Clergymen can be procured, the entire population of *Jamaica* will at no distant period be placed in the regular enjoyment of religious instruction."—See Report of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. 1826. P. 29.

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as an additional proof of what he has always thought it his duty to state, that the accomplishment of all the measures which he has recommended is retarded by a want of means, rather than of inclination.

The Rev. *H. Beams* is still resident upon Lord *Seaford's* estate in the parish of *St. James,* and continues his visits to eight other Properties in the neighbourhood. He has lately received application to instruct the Negroes upon two other Estates; and, had he the necessary time, there are more which he might visit. The attendance upon his Ministry, though varying with the season, is still very encouraging: at *Seven Rivers* he has frequently had 300 people; at *Cambridge* also his congregations have been large; at *Hazelymph* they are improving; and at *Montpelier* the whole of the Negroes are in attendance upon him. He has baptized, during the twelve months ending the 30th of *September,* 1826, 448, of whom 63 were infants; the remainder older children and adults. On the estate of *Seven Rivers* every adult can repeat the Lord's Prayer, the Belief, and some of the Commandments. The children are able to repeat as much as the adults, and many of the older children much more: indeed the people of *Seven Rivers* are fit for examination in the

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New Testament Miracles, and History. In no case has he administered Baptism to an adult without being satisfied with the previous knowledge of the candidate; and by his last Notitia there are 120 in preparation for that Sacrament. Whenever he preaches he invariably catechizes and instructs the children, either before or after service. During the twelve months he had married 16 couple. Marriages are on the increase, and those married by him appear to be still living in peace and happiness. On a retrospect of the last half year, Mr. *Beams* trusts that he may state that a desire for Religious Instruction has increased among the Negroes.

The Rev. *Thomas Stewart*, of the parish of *St. Elizabeth, Jamaica*, in his communication to the Society of the 25th of *June* last, had, in conjunction with the Rector of the parish, taken charge of the Negro Population upon the estates called *Paynstown* and *Spring Vale*, which estates are visited alternately. As *Paynstown* is situated in the district called *New Savanna*, about 20 miles from his place of residence, he has, with the permission of the Proprietor, requested those of the neighbouring estates to send their Negroes over for instruction at the same time. He is attended in consequence by about 20 children from a small Pen called the *Cottage*, and by about

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the same number of adults from another Pen called *New Savanna.* Several of the Negroes, both adults and infants on *Paynstown* can now say the whole of the Church Catechism correctly, and Six can answer the questions out of the first nine sections of *Crossman's* Introduction. The children from the *Cottage* can also say the Church Catechism. His congregations, at the three houses used for Divine Worship, are very large, and behave with decorum. At *Lacovia* he is attended by about 300; at *Windsor* by about 350; and at *Grosmonde* by about 400: besides which, at the church of *Black River,* there is an attendance of about 250. In the course of the half year, ending the 25th of *June,* he had baptized 110 adults, and 116 infants; and had in preparation for that rite upon the Estates 23, and at the Chapels 222. He had married two couples.

Mr. *Stewart* states that the Magistrates and Vestry are desirous of doing all that they can to forward the Religious Instruction of the Slaves; and, in order to add to the solemnity of the performance of Public Service in the three houses used for that purpose, they have liberally granted the sum of 60*l.* per annum to a Chapel Clerk. With respect to the building of proper Chapels in the Parish, the Magistrates and Vestry have it not in their power, as Mr. *Stewart*

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has had the opportunity of observing. He is confident, that had they the means, they would cheerfully do so. His little school is doing well, and he is preparing for Confirmation all the younger part of his Congregations, and all such adults as are willing to enjoy this Rite of the Church. It is with no common delight that he is looking forward to that period, when, through the Divine assistance, the condition of both the Slave and the Free Population will be wonderfully improved; for growing improvement is visible even now, in consequence of the means that have been adopted to effect it.

The Rev. *Griffith Griffiths* of the parish of *St. Thomas in the East* has given the Society the following statement of the plan of instruction pursued by him in the *Manchioneal* District: "Divine Service commences every *Sunday* at 10 o'clock, A.M. and is generally over by 12. I then select the most forward and intelligent of my Congregation, whether Slaves or people of Colour, who, either by oral instruction or otherwise, have committed to memory any considerable part of an easy and simple Catechism, containing the first principles of the Christian Religion; and, dividing the others into classes, each consisting of about 20, more or less, males and females, adults and children separately, I

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appoint the former as præpositi, each at the head of his respective class, to impart that portion of knowledge which he has obtained to the more ignorant and less instructed: which they do with diligence and faithfulness. In the mean time I myself am employed in preparing Candidates for Baptism and Marriage; making it a point not to perform either, without first explaining its nature; and debarring an adult from Baptism till he is properly instructed in the first rudiments of Christianity, and acquainted with the benefits derivable from that Christian Ordinance: and by this means I secure their attendance for the future. This generally occupies from an hour to an hour and a half. I then visit the different classes, where, I am happy to add, an astonishing degree of regularity and subordination has hitherto prevailed. The teaching in classes being over, I enter the Reading-desk, and Catechize the whole congregation together till the commencement of evening service. The number thus regularly instructed, besides a great number that attend occasionally, has been upwards of 300 adults, and about 140 children. My instruction has hitherto been only oral, and that from want of books; but having now obtained a sufficiency, I propose commencing to teach by letters on *Sunday* next, upon the same principle

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as before. And though there will be a considerable difficulty in procuring teachers at the first start, I do not despair of being able, in a short time, effectually to surmount this obstacle. As soon as any of them know the Alphabet, I shall appoint them to teach the same to others, for *docentur docendo,* as Dr. *Bell* very justly observes, whose mode of instruction I adhere to as far as circumstances admit; and I anticipate a success similar to that at the *Madras* Asylum."

"The prospect is at present favorable and encouraging: thirst and avidity for Religious Knowledge seem to be daily increasing; and when the experiment of teaching by letters is fairly tried, to which I find no material objection, I doubt not (should my name be continued on the list of your labourers) but that I should soon be able to give your Committee a favorable report *."

The number of estates over which Mr. *Griffiths* has permission to extend his ministry is six. His Sunday School is described in his last communication to be in a thriving state. The children continue with the same unremitting diligence to attend very regularly every *Sunday,* and are increasing in number. The progress they have made

* This mode of instruction has been long used by Mr. *Trew* and Mr. *Stainsby.*

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has more than realized his most sanguine expectations; and several of those can read who have no opportunity of learning besides the Lord's Day. He had baptized, during twelve months, 8 adults and 217 infants; and had married 64 couple.

In his letter of the 20th *Feb.* 1826, speaking of the National System of Education, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese writes as follows: "Mr. *Griffiths* has distinguished himself by his great exertion in this way in the District of *Manchioneal,* and you will soon have a detailed account of his successful manner of teaching. I feel it my duty to bear testimony to his diligence, zeal, and ability."

The Rev. *J. M. Trew,* the Rector of the Parish of *St. Thomas in the East,* kindly favored the Society with the earliest communication of the formation of a Branch Association in his Parish; a measure which had been considerably promoted by his exertions, and of which he announced the accomplishment with the most heartfelt satisfaction. The labours of the Catechists, who had been in consequence appointed, have already been extended over 34 Estates; and the total number of persons who were under a course of Religious Instruction was, in *November* last, 2218. The full and satisfactory account given in the Report of this Association

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for the year 1826, the first after its formation, (See the Appendix, No. II.) precludes the necessity of any further statement in this place. Highly interesting as it is, extracts could not be made from it without serious injury; and the Governors refer to it with sincere acknowledgments of their obligation to those who have so zealously and successfully promoted the object of their Charter. In Mr. *Trew's* last communication to the Board, he states the progress of this Association to be most encouraging; and it only requires the aid of a benevolent Public, to secure, under the Divine Blessing, the great object which the Society contemplates *.

* The governors have received through the kindness of Lord *Bexley* the Letter from which the following extracts are taken. It was addressed by the Rev. *J. M. Trew* to a Lady resident in this country, to whom, and several others, he was indebted for the means of encouraging the education of the Negro Children of his Parish, and of distributing rewards to them.

" During the Christmas Holidays it was proposed to examine all the Children at present under a course of religious instruction in this Parish, and to reward the deserving. Matters having been arranged for that purpose, they were assembled in our three places of religious worship, and after being catechised, in which they acquitted themselves much to the satisfaction of those who were present, and receiving a suitable admonition, the meritorious were rewarded. There were assembled on

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The Governors regret to state that their Chaplain and Secretary for the Diocese of *Jamaica*, the Rev. *John Stainsby*, has been prevented for some months past, by ill health, from taking an active part in the duty of *St. Thomas in the East*, where his labours have heretofore appeared so conspicuous. He has, however, been allowed the satisfaction of co-operating in the formation of the Branch Association with Mr. *Trew*, with

these highly interesting occasions 900.—The Books were eagerly sought after, and in very many cases preferred to other articles of greater pecuniary value. It was truly delightful to witness the happy frame of mind in which these children returned to their respective places of abode.—Could some of our Proprietors in England have witnessed these delightful scenes, I think it would have forced upon them a conviction of the indisputable truth, that Christianity is the basis of our security, and that without it neither master nor slave will ultimately prosper even in their temporal concerns. On one occasion 450 of these little ones were assembled together.—It was such a sight, so far surpassing our most sanguine expectation, that one gentleman who was an eye-witness to it, and who has been a resident in this Colony for nearly forty years, declared he would not have been absent for any consideration.—In stating that 900 were present, let it not be understood that this includes the whole of those at present under religious instruction. The number of those actually instructed far exceeds this; but in some cases the extreme distance of the estates from our places of worship operated to prevent their attendance."

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whom he has been appointed joint Secretary. His visit to *England* for the restoration of his health has been attended with good effects; and he is on the eve of his return to undertake the duties of his station, where the want of ministerial assistance is so greatly felt; and where his unremitting attention to the discharge of his professional duties aggravated the indisposition which, for a time, obliged him to relinquish them.

DIOCESE OF BARBADOS AND THE LEEWARD ISLANDS.

The Bishop has been actively engaged in providing for the general instruction of the Negroes throughout his Diocese, agreeably to the plan proposed by his Lordship to the Society when last in England. With the sums placed at his disposal by the vote of the General Court, in the month of *March*, 1826, in addition to the grant of the *New England* Company, and the subscriptions and donations of the Branch Associations recently established, he has already been able to arrange and set on foot a system of catechetical instruction throughout *Barbados, St. Christopher's* and *Nevis;* besides affording assist-

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ance partially to some other Islands; viz. a Catechist at *Naperima* in the Island of *Trinidad;* a Catechist and Schoolmaster for the Parishes of *St. John* and *St. Mark,* in *Grenada*; a Catechist for the Parish of *St. George,* and one for *St. Andrew's* in the same Island; two Catechists at *Montserrat,* under the Rev. *B. Luckock,* who was daily expecting the further assistance of a schoolmaster and mistress; a Catechist at *Tortola,* under the Rector, the Rev. *M. Hale;* and another under the Rev. Mr. *Cummins,* a clergyman upon the Bishop's stipendiary list at *Anguilla;* where a Church now building it is hoped will be shortly completed *.

In the close of the year his Lordship visited the Colony of *Demerara,* and upon his return solicited the Society's aid in support of a school

* The Governors think it their duty to state that from the following extract from his Lordship's letter to the Board, written in the close of *December,* (the last they have received,) it must be inferred that they are enabled to give but an imperfect view of the progress which has been already made in the work of Religious Instruction in the Diocese of *Barbados* and the *Leeward Islands.* "*I am fearful that I shall be unable to make such a Report as I could wish of the Catechetical state of my Diocese. Much delay has from various causes occurred in making the returns; and my own time has been much occupied.*"

The Rev. Mr. *Davis,* the Society's Secretary for the Diocese has also written to the same effect.

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in *George-Town,* lately established under the superintendance of Lady *D'Urban* and several other ladies, for the religious and suitable education of free coloured girls; a numerous class, and in many instances, from their orphan condition and other circumstances, peculiarly the objects of pity.

The Governors have consequently, as has been before stated, authorised his Lordship to draw upon their Treasurer for 100*l.*, with the hope that the assistance thus afforded at his request will not only enable the Committee of this school to extend its benefits, but operate as an incitement to still further support from the inhabitants in its favour *.

* Besides the instances here given of the Bishop's anxiety to encourage the foundation and enlargement of Schools in his Diocese, the following are mentioned with peculiar satisfaction in the Report of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, for 1826. " In addition to the Schools previously existing in *Bridge Town,* of which several were in a good condition, his Lordship had established four Charity Schools in that place for the free Blacks and the Slave population. The National System was adopted, and the Children were taught to read the Bible, and say the Catechism. Parents and Proprietors have willingly sent their children to these Institutions; and when the last accounts came away, a hundred girls were to be seen in one of the Schools, neat and orderly, and employed during the morning in reading and re-

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Through the valuable services of the Rev. Mr. *Packer*, master of the Central School, *Barbados*, who accompanied the Bishop on his Visitation, his Lordship was enabled to bring this and other Schools into a more strict conformity with the National System of Education; and he has reason to hope that the benefits resulting from their improved condition will not be confined to the Town, but be gradually felt and appreciated throughout the Colony.

The Rev. *R. F. King*, of the parish of *St. Michael, Barbados*, Chaplain to the Society, during the former part of the year visited eighteen estates, upon which were 2918 Negroes, of whom he makes a good report with respect to their attendance. As he was expecting shortly to be licensed to the Curacy of the Parish, the care

ceiving religious instruction; and during the afternoon in needle-work. To shew by one example what is doing, and what may be done in this Island, it will suffice to state, that a Parochial School was opened in the Parish of *St. Lucy*, in *May*, 1825: in the *July* following it contained fifty-three children, and the numbers were increasing daily—thirty-eight of them could repeat the Catechism perfectly, and the first class could read the Parables. The Proprietors and Overseers give all the necessary encouragement to this and similar Institutions; and several of them who have visited the School at *St. Lucy's* were so much pleased as to express a desire of imitating what they saw."

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of five of these estates would be transferred to the Catechists of the Parishes in which they are situated, where the appointments of such teachers have been already made. His number, however, in the Parish of *St. Michael's* will be considerably increased; and it is trusted that his valuable labours, which have been so honourably mentioned as well by the Committee of the Branch Association as by the Rev. Mr. *Garnett*, the Rector, will, in consequence, be concentrated and rendered more effective.

The Society's affairs in the Island of *Barbados*, which may now be considered as connected with the ministerial duties of every Parish, are fully detailed in the Report of the Branch Association, (See Appendix, No. III.) and a summary statement of the Catechists and the persons under their instruction in the different Parishes is given in the annexed general table. There are at present in the Island 12 Catechists who visit 250 plantations and other properties *.

* The following extracts from a letter from the Rev. *J. H. Pinder*, Chaplain to the Negroes upon the estates of *Codrington College*, are here inserted with the view of making the information as complete as possible respecting the Religious Instruction of the Negroes in the Island of *Barbados*.

"Great as were the anticipations of benefit to the *West Indies* in general from the appointment of Bishops, in no part of the

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The Rev. *Daniel Gateward Davis*, of *St. Christopher's*, Chaplain and Secretary to the Parent Society, states that he has raised an excellent School for people of Colour, and Negroes, Free

Diocese could an advantageous result be more securely calculated on than on the Society's property.

"Within a very few weeks after the arrival of the Bishop of *Barbados*, his Lordship visited the Religious Establishment for the improvement of the Negroes; and, having examined the classes of my School, was pleased to express himself in a manner highly gratifying to my feelings with regard to the progress and appearance of the children. On a subsequent visit, we had the satisfaction of hearing his Lordship from the pulpit of our little Chapel, and I have every reason to believe that a very strong impression was made by his discourse, and the kind condescension of his manner to all the people."

"I have opened my chapel at five o'clock on the Sunday afternoon, with a view to the accommodation of persons prevented from attending in the morning, as well as of Negroes from the neighbouring Estates. It is hardly yet possible to state the success of this plan, but the average attendance of adults in the morning, during the crop-season, has been from fifty to ninety."

"The Sunday scholars, out of the crop-season, attend me one day in the week, as well as read a portion of the New Testament, and repeat the Catechism to me in chapel before service on the Sunday. These are twenty-five in number, and I shall adhere to this plan until the return of the Bishop permits me to present them for confirmation. The daily school is divided into three classes, and the children continue to attend regularly." See Report of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, for 1826.

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and Slaves; and that two other Schools have also been established upon the same plan in other smaller towns in the Island.

All further particulars of the ministerial labours of Mr. *Davis*, are given in detail in the Report of the Branch Association for this Island; where they appear in a letter written by him, as Rector of the Parish of *St. George, Basseterre*, to the Committee. It is through him, as Secretary to the Society for the Diocese of *Barbados* and the *Leeward Islands*, that the Governors have received the Annual Reports of the several Branch Associations, and all other information connected with their affairs abroad; under the inspection and authority of the Diocesan.

Mr. *Davis* has for some years held a Ministerial Charge in the *West Indies;* and he speaks from experience, when he says that he feels assured that on the present plans laid down by the Bishop, some few years will make a wonderful change in the aspect of the Spiritual Vineyard.

By the Report of the Branch Association it will be seen (See Appendix, No. IV.) that a system of Religious Instruction has been set on foot generally throughout the Island. There are already Seven Catechists and Eight Schools in which the number of scholars is nearly 600.

Though the Report of the Branch Association

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from *Nevis* has not been received, the Governors are enabled to make a very satisfactory statement of the progress of Religious Instruction in that Island, through the assistance of the communications made to Mr. *Davis* by the Parochial Clergy.

A National School has been there established, under a schoolmaster and mistress furnished by the Bishop, and paid out of the funds placed at his Lordship's disposal by the Society.

The Rev. *J. H. Pemberton,* Rector of the Parishes of *Gingerland* and *Figtree,* states that in the Sunday School of the former Parish he has the names of 220 children, about 70 of whom are in attendance every Sunday: 50 can not only say the Catechism, but also the Catechism broken into short questions; and upon the whole, he is happy to be able to add, that they are making very satisfactory progress. At the Sunday School at *Figtree* he has 115 children upon his list. There are only about 50 generally in attendance, owing to the long illness of the late schoolmaster. He hopes however to be able to make a more favourable report. The Catechist, Mr. *Hendrickson,* is duly sensible of the duties he has to perform, and there is a manifest improvement taking place among the Slaves and Coloured Population of both Parishes.

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The Rev. *S. Lyons,* Rector of the Parishes of *St. James* and *St. Thomas,* reports that in his Sunday Schools at *St. James's* there are about 70 scholars, who regularly attend the master in *St. James's* Church: 40 can read in the New Testament remarkably well, and about 30 can say the Catechism. The whole have generally improved very much. He has not had the same success in the Parish of *St. Thomas.* In July last there were between 50 and 60 children in regular attendance, a few of whom could read in the New Testament pretty well. There has since been a considerable falling off in numbers, but the schoolmaster expects a revival and a great improvement, in consequence of two Proprietors having promised that the children on their large estates should, for the future, be punctual in their attendance every Sunday morning, at the Parish Church. The Catechist, Mr. *Scott,* has been very diligent in the performance of his duties. He has prepared about 30 adults for Baptism.

Mr. *P. T. Huggins* has regularly brought his Negroes to the Chapel once a week. A Catechist has not yet been procured for the Parish of *St. James.*

The Rev. *J. W. Parham* states that the num-

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ber of children in the School at *Charlestown*, under the management of Mr. and Mrs. *Hurman*, in July last was 108; viz. 63 boys and 45 girls; of which number 10 have been since put to trades. The present number is 141; viz. 78 boys and 63 girls. The improvement of the children is remarkable. There are 41 children who read in the Testament, and 34 in the Extracts. The improvement of the girls in needle-work is daily visible.

The Sunday School, under the management of Mr. *Parham's* clerk, Mr. *Scott*, and the Misses *Levi*, contains 40 boys and 50 girls. The seven o'clock morning School in the Vestry under the Misses *Levi* has 19. These are Slaves unable to attend at the great School.

The Church on Sundays is much crowded, and at the monthly Sacrament there are from 50 to 60 Communicants, white and black mixed together. Religion is manifestly advancing among the black population, and producing daily better habits.

The Rev. *James Curtin*, the Society's Chaplain in *Antigua*, in his Notitia ending the 31st Dec. 1826, states that he has baptized during the twelve months preceding, 103 Negroes, of whom 17 were adults, and 86 children. He had married two couples. In his School under Mr.

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Croot, the schoolmaster in *St. John's*, there were about 36 in daily attendance, and on the Sunday 60, more or less.

A Branch Association was formed in this Island under the patronage of his Excellency the Governor, in the close of September last, (See Appendix, No. V.)

The Rev. *J. C. Barker*, Rector of the united parishes of *St. John* and *St. Mark*, in the Island of *Grenada*, states that every facility is given by the Proprietors or their Representatives for instructing the children of the Slaves. His Catechist has visited, under his direction, nine estates, and Mr. *Barker* himself had commenced instruction on five others. The Catechist, when not employed upon the estates, attends to a school open to the poor whether Slaves or Free, in which 26 boys and 12 girls are making a rapid progress in reading, writing, and arithmetic. In other parishes of this Colony measures were also taking for a general System of Instruction. In *St. George's* a Catechist has been recently appointed. In *St. Andrew's*, a very respectable and zealous young man was expected from *St. Vincent's*, who will have a large field for his exertions in that extensive and populous District. In *St. Patrick's*, a vacant parish, which Mr. *Barker* occasionally visits, a Catechist will be appointed as soon as a

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qualified person can be found. Upon several of the estates that he has occasionally visited, he has found the desire for Religious Instruction to be great. In the island and parish of *Carriacou* the Bishop proposes to establish a Catechist without delay; and great personal exertions have been already made by the Rector, the Rev. *Wm. Nash,* to forward the improvement of the Slaves. In the Isle *Rhonde,* a small Island opposite the Island of *St. Patrick,* the Slaves are most desirous of Religious Instruction, well behaved and orderly; and the Proprietor, Mr. *Munro,* has placed a young man under Mr. *Barker's* care in the Catechist's School to be qualified for the office of a Teacher. Mr. *Munro* has built a neat plain Chapel for his Slaves.

"You will thus see," says Mr. *Barker,* "that although as yet the labourers are but few, there is a good feeling diffused throughout the community; and that, with the blessing of God, we may fairly look forward to one general and efficient plan of instruction, working for the spiritual and temporal benefit of both Master and Slave."

Branch Associations have likewise been formed for this Island (See Appendix, No. VI.); and for *St. Vincent* (See Appendix, No. VII.); both of which evince the same anxiety for the amelioration of the religious and moral condition of the Negro population.

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It is with peculiar gratification that the Governors of this Society close their Report with the expression of sincere thanks to the Authorities of the several Islands, who have not merely taken these Associations under their patronage, but have personally exerted themselves in their formation and support; a charitable and pious work which cannot fail, under Divine Providence, of being productive of the most Substantial Blessings.

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APPENDIX, No. I.

A STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE CONVERSION, &c. OF THE NEGRO SLAVES, *for the Year* 1826.

RECEIPTS.	£.	s.	d.
Amount received for Subscriptions	614	9	0
——— Donations	53	10	0
——— of Legacy * by Lord Bp. of Durham £1000			
——— Rent of Brafferton Estate	861	6	8
——— Dividend on £46,000.—3 per Cent consolidated Bank Annuities	1380	0	0
DEFICIENCY	518	3	11
	£3,427	9	7

EXPENCES.	£.	s.	d.
Moiety of £500 voted to the Lord Bishops of Jamaica and Barbados for Catechists	500	0	0
——— Salaries to the four Demerara Chaplains,	625	0	0
Salaries to the Secretaries to the Jamaica and Barbados Dioceses	415	0	0
——— Rev. R. F. King, Chaplain, Barbados,	200	0	0
——— do. do. for a Catechist,	10	0	0
——— Rev. J. Curtin, Chaplain, Antigua,	300	0	0
——— Mr. T. Croot, Schoolmaster, do.	200	0	0
——— Rev. H. Beams, Chaplain, Jamaica,	250	0	0
——— Rev. G. Griffiths, do. do.	50	0	0
——— Rev. T. Stewart, do. do.	50	0	0
——— two Catechists at Jamaica and Demerara,	20	0	0
——— Mr. Paterson, for books	10	0	0
——— Rev. J. B. Pemberton, Chaplain, St. Kitts,	100	0	0
——— Rev. W. Hendrickson, do. Nevis,	100	0	0
——— Treasurer, Secretary, Agent, Collector, &c.	240	0	0
Paid for books, printing, advertising, stationery, postage, and other incidental charges	267	9	7
Paid for rent-charge to New England Company	90	0	0
	£3,427	9	7

Bounty Office,
April 10, 1827.

* This Legacy having been paid the 22nd of January last, will be carried to the account of the present year, 1827.

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A GENERAL VIEW

OF THE

Present State of the Society's Affairs in the West Indies, as far as can be ascertained by the Returns received.

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DIOCESE OF JAMAICA.

	Estates visited.	Adults Catechised.	Children Catechised.	And taught to read.	Total.	Places of Worship.	REMARKS.
ST. THOMAS IN THE EAST. Rev. J. M. Trew, *Rector.* Rev. J. Stainsby, *Chaplain to the Society for the Conversion of the Negro Slaves.* Rev. Griffith Griffiths, *Minister of Manchioneal.*						3	Nearly the whole of the Estates in St. Thomas in the East are open to the visitation of the Clergy and their Catechists: but their labours have been restricted hitherto for want of strength for a more extensive visitation.
BRANCH ASSOCIATION.							
MORANT BAY DISTRICT. Mr. Eugene Kesler, *Catechist.*	12	201	343	144	688		
PLANTAIN GARDEN-RIVER DISTRICT. Mr. James Duany, *Catechist.*	13	—	475	60	535		
BATH DISTRICT *(in June last.)*	1	160	28	50	238		
BLUE MOUNTAIN VALLEY DISTRICT. , *Catechist.*	3	—	22	—	22		
MANCHIONEAL DISTRICT. Mr. Daniel Roberts, *Catechist.*	5	411	130	193	734		

	Estates visited.	Adults Catechised.	Children Catechised.	And taught to read.	Total.	Places of Worship.	REMARKS.
ST. ELIZABETH'S. Rev. Thomas Stewart, *Chaplain, and Island Curate.*	2	132	116	—	248	4	Mr. Stewart discharges his ministerial duty of instructing the Negroes principally at the Church and Chapels to which he is appointed as Island Curate; namely, the Church of Black River, and the Chapels of Lacovia, Windsor, and Grosmonde; in which, (collectively,) accommodation is afforded for about 1300 persons.
ST. JAMES'S. Rev. Hugh Beams, *Chaplain*, resident upon the estate of Lord Seaford. Mr. Thos. Cleland Sharpe, *Society's Catechist*, appointed with the Bishop's license.	9	250* 100†	85	—	435	3	* All who meet for service at the Chapel generally remain during the instruction of the children. † These are represented in Mr. Beams's Notitia, as attending him from Estates which he does not visit. There are other Estates which Mr. Beams might visit, but he has not the necessary time.
KINGSTON. Rev. Mr. Paterson, *Island Curate.*		—	—	176 154	330	—	Another large Sunday School was opened by Mr. Paterson at Kingston in the month of August last, supported by voluntary contributions; and a Day School and School of Industry on the 20th Nov. in which, at the close of the year, there were 154 Children and Adults.
ST. MARY. Mr. George Pinnock, *Society's Catechist*, appointed by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.							Mr. Pinnock, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Sharpe, having been recently appointed and licensed by the Bishop, no return has yet been received from them.
ST. CATHERINE. Mr. Rose Reid, *Society's Catechist*, appointed by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.							His Lordship has informed the Society that he is about appointing two other Catechists for St. Andrew's and Kingston.—*1st Sept.* 1826.

DIOCESE OF BARBADOS AND THE LEEWARD ISLANDS.

BARBADOS.

BRANCH ASSOCIATION.	Plantations & Properties under Instruction.	Catechists.	REMARKS.
PARISH OF ST. MICHAEL. Rev. W. Garnett, *Rector.* Rev. R. F. King, *Chaplain to the Society*, and *Curate.*	47	3	
PARISH OF CHRISTCHURCH. Rev. J. H. Orderson, *Rector.*	29	1	There are other Properties on which Religious Instruction is given to the younger Slaves, from which Mr. Orderson has received no Report. At one Estate prayers and a lecture are read every Sunday Morning. At two others there is instruction daily.
PARISH OF ST. JAMES. Rev. J. F. Pilgrim, *Rector.*	27	1	Occasional assistance is given by the Overseers.
PARISH OF ST. LUCY. Rev. W. M. Harte, *Rector.*	11	1	Of the other Plantations not visited by the Catechist, Instruction is given on three by subordinate white servants. On the Estate of John Goodridge, Esq. there is a day-school for children from 6 to 12 years of age.
PARISH OF ST. PHILIP. Rev. John Als, *Rector.*	4	1	
PARISH OF ST. THOMAS. Rev. G. T. Maynard, *Rector.*	22	1	The Catechist receives assistance, on several of the Estates, from the Overseers.
PARISH OF ST. JOHN. Hon. and Rev. J. G. Gittens, *Rector.*	20	1	Independently of the Society's Estate, there was a Sunday School established in this Parish, the 28th of July last. The number of Children in attendance fluctuates from 70 to 107.
PARISH OF ST. PETER. Rev. W. P. Hinds, *Rector.* Rev. Wm. Sealy.	20	1	There are many Estates on which one of the Plantation Servants reads the form of prayer, drawn up by the Rev. W. P. Hinds, every Sunday morning.
PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH. Rev. H. Parkinson, *Rector.*	18	—	
PARISH OF ST. ANDREW. Rev. J. G. Lewis, *Rector.*	24	1	
PARISH OF ST. GEORGE. Rev. — Jones, *Curate.* Mr. Redwar, *Catechist.*	26	1	The Managers of several other Plantations have requested Mr. Redwar (the Catechist) to instruct their Negroes; but he cannot attend more than he does at present.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S.

BRANCH ASSOCIATION.	Plantations & Properties under Instruction.	Catechists.	Number of those in the Schools.	REMARKS.
PARISH OF ST. GEORGE, BASSETERRE. Hon. and Rev. D. G. Davis, *Rector.* Mr. N. De Lion, *Catechist.*	12	1 2	183	Next year Mr. Davis will be assisted by a Stipendiary Clergyman and a Catechist, paid by the Parent Society, for the exclusive instruction of the Negroes of the Salt Pond.
PARISH OF ST. ANN, SANDY POINT. Rev. J. H. Walwyn, *Rector.* Mr. R. D. Burt, *Catechist.*	all 1 or 2 excepted.	1	64	Daily School and Sunday School.
PARISH OF ST. PAUL, CAPISTERRE. Rev. J. H. Walwyn, *Rector.* Mr. James Warner, *Catechist.*	all 1 or 2 excepted.	1	36	Sunday School.
PARISH OF ST. THOMAS, MIDDLE ISLAND. Rev. W. Hendrickson, *Rector.* Mr. John Sampson, *Schoolmaster.*	—	1	100 S. 67 D.N.	The National School recently opened. On one Estate in this Parish, Wingfield, the Children (53) and 15 on Mr. Evans' Estate, are collected every Sunday morning, and under the care of one of the Negroes sent on to the Church.
PARISH OF TRINITY, PALMETTA POINT. Rev. J. B. Pemberton, *Rector.* Mr. E. B. Armatrading, *Catechist.*	—	1	badly attended.	Mr. Pemberton hopes, by the expected aid of a Catechist and School-master, to put his School on a better footing; and doubts not receiving the cordial co-operation of the Vestry in the undertaking; and that the Proprietors and Managers of Estates in his Parish will afford him every assistance in catechizing and instructing the Negroes.
PARISH OF ST. MARY, CAYON. Rev. J. H. Laurence, *Rector.*				Population chiefly Moravian.
PARISH OF ST. PETER. Rev. J. H. Laurence, *Rector.*			from 2 to 12 or 15.	Thinly and irregularly attended; in some degree to be accounted for from its proximity to the large Town Establishment.
PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH, NICHOLA TOWN. Rev. J. J. Kerie, *Rector.*			56 S.	
PARISH OF ST. JOHN, CAPISTERRE. Rev. J. J. Kerie, *Rector.*			52 S.	

NEVIS.

BRANCH ASSOCIATION.	Catechist.	Number of those in the Schools.	REMARKS.
PARISH OF GINGERLAND. PARISH OF FIGTREE *. Rev. J. H. Pemberton, *Rector.* Mr. Hendrickson, *Catechist.*	1	S. 220 S. 115*	* Only 50 in regular attendance at Figtree, owing to the long illness of Mr. Joliffe, (the late Master) previously to his death. The Church in Gingerland is very well attended.
PARISH OF ST. JAMES. PARISH OF ST. THOMAS. Rev. S. Lyons, *Rector.* Mr. Scott, *Catechist.* Mr. Herbert, *Schoolmaster.* The Chapel of P. T. Huggins, Esq.	1	S. 70 S. from 50 to 60	Mr. Scott has prepared 30 Adults for Baptism. Mr. Huggins has been indefatigable in bringing his Negroes to the Chapel once a week, attending himself and seeing that they attend.
PARISH OF CHARLES TOWN. Rev. J. T. Parham, *Rector.* Mr. Hurman, *Schoolmaster*, and Mrs. Hurman, *Schoolmistress of the National School.* Mr. Scott, *Schoolmaster*, and the Misses Levi.	3	78 Boys 63 Girls S. 40 Boys S. 50 Girls 19*	* Those who attend the seven o'clock morning School and are unable to attend at the great School.

ANTIGUA.

BRANCH ASSOCIATION.	Catechist.	Number of those in the Schools.	REMARKS.
Mr. Samuel Pearson, *Catechist.*	1		It has been resolved that the Funds be appropriated at present to the payment of subordinate Teachers on the Estates.
PARISH OF ST. MARY, OLD ROAD. Rev. James Curtin, *Rector, and Chaplain to the Society.* Mr. Croot, *Schoolmaster.*	1	D. 36 S. 60	At the School House belonging to the Parent Society in the Parish of St. John.

GRENADA.

BRANCH ASSOCIATION. (Recently Established.)	Estates visited.	Catechist.	Number of those in the Schools.	REMARKS.
UNITED PARISHES OF ST. JOHN AND ST. MARK. Rev. J. C. Barker, *Rector.*	14	1	26 Boys 12 Girls	
PARISH OF ST. GEORGE.		1		
PARISH OF ST. ANDREW.		1		
PARISH OF ST. PATRICK.				A Vacant Parish which Mr. Barker visits occasionally, and to which a Catechist will be appointed as soon as a qualified person can be found.

ST. VINCENT.

BRANCH ASSOCIATION.	Catechist.	Number of those in the Schools.	REMARKS.
			Too recently formed to afford any information.

MONTSERRAT.

BRANCH ASSOCIATION.	Catechist.	Number of those in the Schools.	REMARKS.
Rev. B. Luckock, *Rector.*	2	200 S.	Mr. Luckock states that he is expecting further help from a young man who is gone for Ordination to Barbados; and also from a School-master and School-mistress.

TORTOLA.

BRANCH ASSOCIATION.	Catechist.	Number of those in the Schools.	
Rev. M. Hale, *Rector of Road Town.*	1		

ANGUILLA.

BRANCH ASSOCIATION.	Catechist.	Number of those in the Schools.	REMARKS.
Rev. Mr. Cummins.	1		Church now building.

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APPENDIX, No. II.

REPORT

OF THE

ST. THOMAS' IN THE EAST BRANCH ASSOCIATION.

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REV. J. M. TREW.

REV. JOHN STAINSBY.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS.

That this Association be under the following Regulations:

1st. That every Subscriber of £1 12*s.* 6*d.* annually, and also every Donor at any one time of £5 6*s.* 8*d.* be a Member of this Association, and entitled to attend its General Meetings.

2dly. That a General Meeting of the Society be held annually, on the first *Monday* in *February* in every year; and also upon such other days and times as the majority of the Committee, with the concurrence of the President, shall think fit to appoint.

3dly. That the Patron, President, and Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, Secretaries, the Clergy, and the Gentlemen composing the Committee (*see* Committee), be appointed a standing Committee for transacting the business of the Association, and for the purpose of making communications or suggestions to the Incorporated Society in London.

4thly. That the said Committee do meet on the first *Monday* in *May*, *August*, *November*, and *February*, respectively, and at such other times as the President may appoint, and proceed to business as soon as five Members shall be assembled.

5thly. That the Committee do make a Report of their Proceedings to the Annual General Meeting of the Subscribers.

6thly. That a statement of the accounts be presented Quarterly by the Treasurer, in order that any surplus in his hands, above the sum necessary to meet the wants of the Association, may be disposed of in whatever way the Committee may think best calculated to promote its general designs; and that all monies contributed in England, in aid of the Funds of this Branch of the Incorporated Society, shall be likewise disposed of in such manner as this Committee may think proper to direct.

7thly. That the Report of the Proceedings of the Association, together with the List of the Officers and Members, be transmitted annually to the Incorporated Society in *London.*

8thly. That *Charles Scott*, Esq. be requested to act as Treasurer, and the Rev. *J. M. Trew* and the Rev. *John Stainsby* as joint Secretaries of this Association.

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REPORT.

In presenting to the public a Report of their proceedings, the *St. Thomas' in the East* Branch Association of the Incorporated Society for the Conversion and Religious Instruction and Education of Negro Slaves, desire to congratulate the friends of good order and civilization on the establishment of an Institution, so admirably calculated, as they conceive, to further the moral well-being and happiness of that numerous class of their fellow-parishioners.

It is a fact, now well established in every reflecting and unprejudiced mind, that religious instruction has hitherto imparted generally to the Slaves a character for virtue and integrity, to which they were before comparatively strangers; and, in making this observation, they are borne out not only by their cheerful submission to the authority of "the powers that be," but also by the social order and harmony, the decent exterior and demeanour, which so strongly attest the improved habits of industry, now so prevalent amongst them.

Under a conviction of this truth, and that a further extension of religious knowledge, judiciously disseminated amongst the Negroes, might, under the Divine Blessing, conduce to consequences equally pleasing and beneficial; that it would furnish the best possible antidote to any attempts that might be made to unsettle their minds, or render them less satisfied with their pre-

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sent condition; and, above all, that it would eminently contribute to raise them in the scale of being, enlarge their portion of happiness in this world, and excite them to aspire, through the merits of the only Saviour, to endless happiness hereafter, your Committee entered with pleasing anticipations on their labours, cheerfully devoting their attention to the best means of accomplishing an object, in which all classes of their parishioners are so deeply interested.

In thus attempting to lay the foundation of an Institution, whose benefits they hope may extend through unborn generations, your Committee have a pleasing duty to fulfil, in stating that they have not been destitute of efficient patronage.

To the Lord Bishop of the Diocese their thanks are due, for recognizing the Association in its infancy by accepting the office of Patron, as well as for the subsequent liberality of his Lordship towards the funds of the Institution. And your Committee would ill discharge a duty they owe to the individual who more immediately presides over the Institution, did they not acknowledge with gratitude to the Honourable *George Cuthbert*, President of his Majesty's Council in this Island, that from the personal and unremitted attention he has bestowed on its interests, and from the cordiality with which he has entered into their views, the success of the Institution is, under Providence, in some measure to be attributed.

Your Committee would now proceed to state in detail the measures that have been adopted by them for giving effect to the objects contemplated by the Association, and with what success.

Their attention was early directed to the expediency

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of communicating with absent proprietors, and a circular letter was accordingly addressed to as many of them as came within the knowledge of your Committee, stating the nature and design of the Association, accompanied with a detailed account of the proceedings of the first General Meeting, and soliciting their aid and co-operation.

The success attending this measure was not altogether commensurate with their wishes: Nevertheless your Committee have the satisfaction to state, that very important benefits have resulted from it. For, although a very large proportion of the proprietors alluded to have yet failed to acknowledge the receipt of their address, your Committee have, notwithstanding, received the most encouraging communications from some individuals amongst them; nor can they refrain from alluding, in terms of the highest respect and gratitude, to Sir *George Henry Rose* and Sir *Edward Hyde East, Baronets,* to *Henry Davidson, Arthur Foulkes,* and *Christopher Nockells, Esqrs.* for their immediate and friendly assurances of co-operation and support.

In offering these observations, however, your Committee cannot pass over in silence the praiseworthy liberality of some individuals, resident amongst ourselves, but would gratefully recognize amongst their most generous supporters the name of *Charles Scott, Esq.* who, as being extensively concerned for many absent proprietors, has been foremost in confirming, on a broad and extended scale, the importance of this Institution; nor would they withhold the meed of praise which is also due to *Thomas Blakely, James Sproull,* and *William Forsyth, Esqrs.* who have so immediately followed an example, which they confidently hope will ere

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long be generally adopted. Your Committee allude to the support given to your Institution from these individuals contributing a specific sum yearly on account of each estate, that may be deriving benefit from their labours.

In adverting to the state of their funds, your Committee would desire to express their gratitude to those numerous friends, whose bounty has contributed to raise, at this early period, a sum, so far exceeding in amount their most sanguine expectations. The following particulars will furnish, it is hoped, a cheering prospect for the future:

Amount of Donations	£340	2	11
Ditto Annual Subscriptions.....	529	7	6
Making a total of	869	10	5

raised for the support of the Society within the short period of scarcely *nine months.*

Means having been provided for commencing and carrying on the work of instruction, the next object to which the attention of your Committee became necessary, was the most prudent plan of operation. Mature deliberation having been given to this subject, they resolved to lay the foundation of their labours in the establishment of a Sunday School at *Morant-Bay*, for the gratuitous admission of persons of every denomination, proposing to select from amongst the free coloured inhabitants a person of unblameable reputation, qualified for catechizing and teaching the children on such estates as might be accessible to him, as well as for superintending the Sabbath School. Your Committee were led to

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make their selection of a Catechist from amongst that class of persons for *two* very obvious reasons:

1st, Because it would have been found difficult to secure the services of a respectable white person at so easy a rate, and

2ndly, Because an individual of this description would have no ulterior object in view to divert his mind from the important work before him; and they might add, that being already inured to the climate, he would be less liable to suffer from its effects.

Influenced by such considerations, your Committee have now to report that they have engaged in their service, at salaries of 140*l.* *per annum* each, three individuals, qualified as they hope to act as Catechists under the superintendence of the Established Clergy, in the Districts of *Morant-Bay*, *Plantain-Garden-River*, and *Manchioneal*, and they confidently rely on the liberality of those, to whom the well-being of their fellow-men has been entrusted, to enable your Committee to extend a system, so simple and so salutary, generally throughout this parish.

That an estimate may be formed of the probable success, likely to attend their efforts to promote the religious instruction of the Slaves, your Committee beg leave to direct your attention to the following detailed statement of their proceedings:

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MORANT-BAY DISTRICT.

CATECHIST.—Mr. EUGENE KESLER.

	Adults Catechised.	Children Catechised.	Children Catechised and learning to read.	TOTAL.
Morant-Bay Church	160	—	86	246
Belvidere Estate	—	—	30	30
East Prospect, Ditto	—	30	—	30
Oxford, Ditto	—	18	—	18
Retreat, Ditto	—	35	—	35
Lyssons, Ditto	—	59	—	59
Mount-Pelier, Ditto	—	27	—	27
Nutt's River, Ditto	—	32	—	32
Stanton, Ditto	—	30	—	30
Spring-Garden, Ditto	—	57	—	57
Middleton, Ditto	—	37	—	37
York, Ditto	29	—	28	57
Hermitage Plantation	12	20	—	32
Total Morant-Bay District	201	345	144	690

PLANTAIN-GARDEN-RIVER DISTRICT.

CATECHIST.—Mr. JAMES DUANY.

	Adults Catechised.	Children Catechised.	Children Catechised and learning to read.	TOTAL.
Port-Morant Sunday School	—	—	60	60
Holland Estate	—	50	—	50
Duckenfield, Ditto	—	37	—	37
Golden-Grove, Ditto	—	100	—	100
Pleasant-Hill, Ditto	—	26	—	26
Stoakes-Hall, Ditto	—	22	—	22
Hordley, Ditto	—	40	—	40
Wheelerfield, Ditto	—	30	—	30
Bachelor's Hall Pen	—	21	—	21
Plantain-Garden-River Estate	—	40	—	40
Phillipsfield Estate	—	—	—	—
Barking-Lodge, Ditto	—	30	—	30
Peras, Ditto	—	50	—	50
Greon Castle Pen	—	29	—	29
Total Plantain-Garden-River District.	—	475	60	535

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BATH DISTRICT.

(IN JUNE LAST.)

	Adults Catechised.	Children Catechised.	Children Catechised and learning to read.	TOTAL.
Bath Chapel	160	—	50	210
Rhine Estate	—	28	—	28
Total Bath District	160	28	50	238

BLUE-MOUNTAIN-VALLEY DISTRICT.

CATECHIST.—

	Adults Catechised.	Children Catechised.	Children Catechised and learning to read.	TOTAL.
Blue-Mountain Estate	—	22	—	22
Mount-Pleasant, Ditto	—	—	—	—
Mount Lebanus, Ditto	—	—	—	—
Total Blue-Mountain District (but a most promising field)	—	22	—	22

MANCHIONEAL DISTRICT.

CATECHIST.—Mr. DANIEL ROBERTS.

	Adults Catechised.	Children Catechised.	Children Catechised and learning to read.	TOTAL.
Manchioneal Chapel	300	—	152	452
Weybridge Estate	20	—	41	61
Betty's Hope, Ditto	54	48	—	102
Williamsfield, Ditto	—	17	—	17
Grange-Hill, Ditto	—	16	—	16
Hector's River, Ditto	37	49	—	86
Total Manchioneal District	411	130	193	734

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SUMMARY.

	Adults Catechised.	Children Catechised.	Children Catechised, and learning to read.	TOTAL.
Morant-Bay District	201	345	144	690
Plantain-Garden-River District	—	475	60	535
Bath District	160	28	50	238
Blue-Mountain-Valley District	—	22	—	22
Manchioneal District	411	130	193	734
Grand Total	772	1000	447	2219

Your Committee, having now detailed the measures that have been adopted by them for giving effect to the objects contemplated by the Association, and with what success, cannot close their Report without earnestly pressing on the attention of every proprietor the probable benefits, which, under the blessing of God, may be expected to result from the general dissemination of Christian knowledge and principles amongst their Slaves. The good effects hitherto produced by the diffusion of the Gospel amongst the nations of the earth, animate your Committee not only to persevere themselves, but likewise to engage all within the reach of their influence to unite with them to go forward in this work and labour of love, a work calculated to tranquillize the mind, soften the nature, improve the habits, and contribute in an eminent degree to enlarge the happiness of man under every circumstance of his being. Hence, they earnestly invite their fellow-parishioners to a friendly co-operation in laying the permanent foundation of a structure, which, when all worldly prospects and pleasures shall have passed away, and all human distinctions shall have been long forgotten, may prove that they have not been unmindful

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of that command of the Saviour of Mankind, and of the encouraging promise which it affords: "Whatever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, and in as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these your brethren, ye have done it unto me."

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APPENDIX, No. III.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRANCH ASSOCIATION OF THE ISLAND OF BARBADOS.

The Committee of the Branch Association met at the Town Hall, at 11 o'clock on *Thursday* the 19th day of *October*, for the purpose of making arrangements for the general meeting. At 12 o'clock the Bishop, as President of the Association, took the chair, and proposed that his Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to accept the office of Patron of the Association. His Lordship's motion was carried unanimously; and on the Governor's entering, the Bishop left the chair, and communicated to his Excellency the unanimous resolution of the meeting, when his Excellency was pleased to express his readiness to accept the office, and accordingly took the chair. On the motion of the Bishop, seconded by his Excellency, the following report of the last year's proceedings was then read:—

In presenting the first Annual Report of the Branch Association, the Committee rejoice in being able to congratulate the public on the progressive desire of the Slaves to receive, and of the higher classes to impart, the blessings of religion.

Effective as were the private exertions of individuals in the community, as far as these could extend, for affording religious instruction to their slaves, no system

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was publicly adopted until the month of *August*, 1823. At this period a meeting, comprising the clergy, many of the principal proprietors and other gentlemen was held; and a body formed under the title of the *Barbados* Religious Association. Application was also made to the Lord Bishop of *London* to accept the office of Patron. Resolutions were entered into by all present, and a plan was commenced for affording the benefits of religion to the slaves. But the unsettled state of mind which then pervaded the colony, and the difficulty of raising adequate means, unhappily presented great obstacles to these benevolent views; and no teacher invested with authority or maintained by stipend was in consequence appointed. Yet, in the absence of an established system, several gentlemen of the Island became themselves the instructors of their unenlightened dependents; others provided for regular instruction being given by the managers and other overseers on their respective estates; and the patient zeal of the Rev. *R. F. King*, at this time appointed by the Society for the Conversion of Negroes one of their chaplains, together with the willing superintendence of the Rectors in their several parishes, gave an energy and direction to these undertakings, which materially tended to realise the object proposed. Considerable assistance was also derived from a form of prayer, selected chiefly from the Liturgy of the Established Church. This good work had been provided by the Rev. *S. Hinds*, while acting as Chaplain to the Society for the Conversion of Negroes, and faithfully discharging a course of duty widely encouraged in the parish of Christ Church, of which he was then curate. Thus, by religious knowledge imparted according to the exigency of the times, and conducive to those good feel-

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ings which arise between the teacher and the taught, many adults were duly instructed in the faith and obedience of a Christian, and were baptized; while the young, in many cases, imbibed the rudiments of Christianity, by oral instruction, with such avidity as amply to reward the attention and kindness of their masters.

It must, however, be acknowledged, that the proceedings were conducted on too narrow a scale for operating powerfully on the mass of so large a population of slaves, uneducated and consequently depraved.

In this state of things, the formation of Bishoprics in the West Indies was determined on by his Majesty's Government; and while fondly hailed by the colonists as the legitimate channel of ecclesiastical rule, as a new bond of union between the scattered colonies with one another and with the parent state, there accompanied this feeling a cheering hope of more prosperous days, when the master might be at once willing and able to advance the interests of the slave. On a foundation so promising, the Lord Bishop of this diocese, duly appreciating the exertions of the past, eagerly desired to raise an establishment still more influential and extensive. A public meeting was requested by his Lordship, which was numerous and respectable. Proposals being made from the chair that the members of the *Barbados* Religious Association should avail themselves of the invitation from *England* to form a Branch Association of the Society for the Conversion of Negroes, the desire was universal that the Association should be newly organised, and that subscriptions should be immediately entered into. The plan suggested was, the appointment of Lay Catechists, licensed by the Bishop, after previous examination and subscription, acting under and directed by the minister

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of the parish; and paying every proper regard to the wishes of the master, as to the time and frequency of instruction, which should be confined to the Scriptures, the Liturgy of the Church, and such other religious works as are included in the catalogue of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. For the maintenance of the Catechists so appointed, reliance was placed on the subscriptions and donations of the members forming the Branch Association, on the assistance of the Society for the Conversion of Negro Slaves, together with the funds at the Bishop's disposal.

The amount of local annual subscriptions for the first year has reached 86*l.* 10*s.* The remittance was acknowledged by the Rev. Dr. *Barrett,* Secretary to the Parent Society, in the most gratifying manner, with an assurance of hearty co-operation. By a new arrangement in the conduct of the Society in *England,* it has been since agreed upon by the Board of Governors, that all monies collected in each colony shall be hereafter applied to the exclusive benefit of the colony in which such funds shall be raised. The Committee have great pleasure in stating, that although the subscriptions raised in Barbados were little more than sufficient for the support of one Catechist, so amply have the funds from the other sources been extended for putting the system in operation, as to supply the following outline of its influence at this time:—

The Rev. *W. Garnett,* Rector of the parish of *St. Michael,* reports 26 plantations and 21 small properties as under religious instruction, given by *three* Catechists, who are admitted once in every week throughout their respective districts. The repetition of the Lord's Prayer, Belief, and Commandments, the Church Cate-

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chism, in part or entire, together with a lecture in some instances, form the general plan of preparatory instruction. Mr. *Garnett* adds, that he has great pleasure in stating, that all the Catechists in their weekly reports speak favorably of the slaves, as being very orderly and attentive, particularly the young. It is in this parish that, in addition to the subordinate assistance afforded, the Rev. *R. F. King*, Chaplain to the Parent Society, and curate of this parish, is still continuing his valuable labours.

The Rev. *T. H. Orderson*, Rector of *Christ Church*, under date *Sept.* 5, 1826, states, that 24 plantations in his parish are receiving religious instruction from a Catechist; and that the Negroes on 5 plantations on which the Catechist does not attend, are taught by the members of the proprietor's family, or by the overseers of the estate. He adds, that there are other properties on which religious instruction is given to the younger slaves, from which he has received no report: and he expresses his satisfaction at the progress and behaviour of those whom, in his occasional visits, he had examined in their Catechism. Most of the plantations are attended once in a fortnight on the week days. At one estate, prayers, with a lecture, are read on Sunday morning; and at two there is instruction daily. The Church Catechism, with *Harte's* Lectures, are the usual subjects of instruction.

The Rev. *J. F. Pilgrim*, Rector of the parish of *St. James*, under date *Sept.* 1, 1826, mentions 27 plantations under instruction. At 24 of these the Catechist attends on the week days once in a fortnight; at 3 of them once in a month. Occasional assistance is afforded by the overseers. The general plan pursued, as witnessed

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by the Rector in his visits, is this: the younger Negroes of twenty years of age and under, repeat as much of the Catechism as they have been taught; they are then questioned in the most important truths of Christianity. A select portion of the Liturgy is read, with a chapter from the New Testament; and when the adults are able to be present, which is not always the case, a lecture is delivered. On one estate the children are sufficiently advanced to be questioned in *Crossman*'s Exposition of the Church Catechism.

The Rev. *W. M. Harte*, Rector of *St. Lucy*, writes, under date of the 16th of *October*, That 11 plantations in his parish are attended by a Catechist, some once in a fortnight, and others, on acccount of the advancement of the Negroes in religious knowledge, once in a month. The system pursued, is reading selections from the Liturgy, the Ten Commandments, catechising the younger Negroes and such of the adults as can repeat any part of the Church Catechism, and delivering one of his Lectures on *St. Matthew*. On many of these plantations, as he himself has witnessed, most of the adults have learned the Creed, Lord's Prayer, and Ten Commandments, and the children of different ages, from 16 years and under, can say the whole of the Church Catechism. On two of these plantations, many of the children and some of the adults can repeat some parts of *Crossman*'s Exposition. Of the other plantations, not visited by the Catechist, instruction is given on three by subordinate white servants on the plantation, and on one of these, he was exceedingly gratified, a short time ago, in hearing the young Negroes repeat perfectly, in addition to the Church Catechism, the whole of the general confession in the Liturgy. When he visits the

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plantations that are under the instruction of the Catechist, he finds the young Negroes, as well as adults, able, for the most part, to join in the service performed, by repeating the confession after him, and the responses to the Ten Commandments. He has been prevented lately, by his own illness and that of his family, from attending the plantations not visited by the Catechist: but as all of these as well as the other properties are thrown open to catechetical instruction, he hopes to be enabled soon to pursue a regular system with respect to these also. One good effect resulting from the diffusion of religious knowledge among the slave population has been a considerable increase in the congregation, both at the morning and afternoon service of *Sunday* at the parish church. Many Negroes attend voluntarily, and behave themselves with exemplary propriety and decorum. He has very lately established a school on one plantation, belonging to *John Goodridge*, Esq., where the little negroes from 12 to 6 years of age are taught to read for an hour daily on the *Madras* system by a young man, who was educated at the Central School in *Bridge-town*. From the assurances of some proprietors he thinks it likely that a Sunday-school will in time be established, extending this mode of instruction to at least six plantations, and he is certain that his parochial school for white children, will supply several competent teachers, who will for a small gratuity be easily induced to become the instructors at such a school. Some of the adults throughout the parish have found means through their own resources, of having themselves taught to read, and the attendance of these persons at church, with their common prayer books in their hands, reading and joining in the service, is truly pleasing. On the whole, the prospect before him is

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gratifying: and he has every reason to hope, that the improvement of the Negroes in religious knowledge is increasing as rapidly as can reasonably be expected.

The Rev. *W. Als,* Rector of the parish of *St. Philip,* under date of *October* 12, 1826, incloses a report of 41 estates at which religious instruction is regularly imparted once in every fortnight by the Catechist. He is accustomed to use the short morning service, and deliver one of *Harte's* Lectures on some fundamental point of Christianity, to both children and adults, after the young Negroes have been examined in the Church Catechism. Testimony is borne to the readiness with which co-operation has been afforded by the proprietors, and to the eagerness which the slaves have evinced to avail themselves of the means of religious improvement.

The Rev. *G. F. Maynard,* Rector of the parish of *St. Thomas,* under date of *September* 4th, 1826, transmits a return of 22 plantations on which the Negroes are instructed. Of these 15 are visited by the Catechist once in a fortnight; six once in the week, and one is attended once in a month. The Catechist receives assistance at several in his absence, from the co-operation of the overseers. When the adults are present, a lecture is delivered after the prayers, in addition to the catechising of the younger Negroes. *Crossman's* Exposition is used on two plantations in this parish.

The Hon. and Rev. *J. H. Gittens,* Rector of the parish of *St. John,* reports, That 15 estates are visited by the Catechist, under his direction, once in the course of a week; five, once in a fortnight; independently of the Society's estate; and one under the charge of a Moravian missionary. The Catechist adopts the usual

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plan of examining the younger Negroes in their catechism; and lecturing the adults, after a selection from the Liturgy and a portion of the New Testament has been read. A Sunday-school, held at the church from 9 to 11 in the morning, and 3 to 5 in the afternoon, for the younger Negroes from eight plantations, was established *July* 26th, in the present year. The attendance of the children fluctuates from 70 to 107 at each service. Those who live nearest the church attend in the morning, and the more distant in the afternoon. On three estates the young are taught to read. The gentlemen of the parish not only cordially met the views of the Rector in the establishment of the school, but readily furnished to the children, from each estate, a uniform *Sunday* suit, which was desirable, not only in point of neatness, but as giving additional importance to the attendance at Church, in the estimation of the slaves themselves.

In the parish of *St. Peter*, according to the return of the Rev. *W. P. Hinds*, dated *September* 4th, 1826, there are 20 plantations on which the slaves are instructed. Daily instruction is given at six estates. The Church Catechism, broken into short questions, is the general basis of teaching. The young Negroes from nine estates are assembled every *Thursday* by the Rev. *Wm. Sealy* at *All Saints'* Chapel, where they are taught to read, and are examined in the essential principles of Christian knowledge and duty. Previous to this arrangement, the Rev. Mr. *Sealy* attended 12 estates, and is about to resume his visits to them. There are many estates on which one of the plantation servants reads on *Sunday* morning the form of prayer drawn up by the Rev. *S. Hinds*, late Principal of *Codrington* College.

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In the parish of *St. Joseph,* 18 plantations are stated by the Rector, the Rev. *H. Parkinson,* to be visited by the Catechist of the parish once in the course of a fortnight, and instructed in the Lord's Prayer, Belief, and Commandments, together with the Church Catechism.

The Rector of *St. Andrew's* parish, the Rev. *J. G. Lewis,* under date *October* 2, 1826, reports, That of 24 plantations, 16 are visited by his Catechist once in a fortnight, and the remainder once in the course of three weeks. The latter arrangement having been lately made, on those where the Negroes were most advanced, from regard to the health of the Catechist. The system in all cases adopted is that of catechising the young, in addition to prayers, and one of *Harte's* Lectures when the older Negroes are present. The younger Negroes are very attentive and anxious to learn. On more than half the plantations, they have been perfect for some time past in the Church Catechism; and it is hoped that a regular attendance on divine service on *Sunday* of the young who are near the Church, will shortly be established.

The Rev. Mr. *Jones,* Curate of the parish of *St. George,* writes under date of the 18th of *October,* That there are 26 plantations or properties, where the slaves are under religious instruction; that each of these estates is attended once a fortnight by Mr. *Redwar,* a licensed Catechist, who instructs the young in the Church Catechism; and reads to all a selection of prayers from the Liturgy, and one of *Harte's* Lectures. The managers of several other plantations have requested Mr. *Redwar* to instruct *their* slaves, but he cannot attend

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more than he at present attends. Divine service in the parish church on *Sunday* evenings, is principally attended by the young people from the plantations in the neighbourhood of the church, and after prayers they are catechised. The coloured congregation on *Sunday* morning continues to increase: their deportment is serious and decent. In no instance has discouragement been given to the religious instruction of the slaves; and on most of the plantations, the proprietors or managers have heartily co-operated with the Catechist, by having the young instructed every day under their immediate superintendence in their prayers, the Church Catechism, and in the singing of hymns, by a fit person; in some instances, by one of the family.

The diffusion of religious knowledge among the slaves naturally led to the consideration of erecting additional places of worship; and the expediency of this step was recognised at a public meeting held on *May* 30th in the present year. In consequence of this, the rectors were requested to ascertain the support likely to be granted towards the erection of parochial chapels in their respective parishes, for the accommodation of those distant from the parish church.

In anticipation of this, Sunday-schools have been commenced, at which the young Negroes are assembled previously to divine service, and instructed in their sacred duty. On a course of religious instruction so prudently commenced and perseveringly pursued, the blessing of Providence may humbly be expected to descend. And as it is no longer a question whether Christianity produces a reformation in mind and habits, but in what manner its truths can be most efficiently communicated to the slave population, and by what means the

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teachers shall be maintained, your committee most earnestly appeal to the generosity of the public, for more liberal support in behalf of this institution; being convinced, that as members of the Established Church all will readily lend their aid to an Association guided by principles so consonant with her spirit; and that, as Christians, they can attach their names to no charity more acceptable in the sight of HIM who came to seek and to save that which was lost.

The report being read, it was, on the motion of his Excellency Sir *H. Warde*, seconded by the Lord Bishop.

Resolved—That the Report now read be adopted, and published in the newspapers.

Resolved—on the motion of the Lord Bishop, seconded by the Venerable the Archdeacon, That it appearing to the Association that by the united exertions of the clergy and their catechists, with the personal co-operation of the proprietors, their family, and overseers, by far the greater number of the estates in this Island are under religious instruction, it becomes desirable that Sunday-schools should now be formed in the several parishes, and that the rectors be recommended to take measures for the formation of the same; in the hope that the salaries of the masters (which will be but small) may on application to the Committee, be defrayed at the expense of the Association.

Resolved—moved by *John Barrow*, Esq., seconded by Hon. and Rev. *J. H. Gittens*, That the rectors of the several parishes be requested to open a subscription in aid of the general funds of the Association.

Resolved—on the motion of the Archdeacon, seconded by M. *Coulthurst*, Esq., That great advantages having resulted from the practice very generally adopted on estates, of giving daily religious instruction to the Negro children, the Association recommend the universal adoption of the measure in the Island;

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so that every estate may thus have the benefit of this domestic instruction.

Resolved—That the gentlemen of the former Committee be re-elected, and that the name of *Henry Edward Sharpe*, Esq. be added to the number.

Resolved—moved by the Bishop, seconded by Dr. *Maycock*, That the thanks of the meeting be respectfully offered to his Excellency the Governor for his kindness in taking the chair, and his able conduct therein.

Resolved—on the motion of his Excellency, seconded by the Archdeacon, That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Lord Bishop, for his most able, laudable and zealous exertions in promoting the interests of this institution, and more particularly for his able assistance on this day.

Resolved—moved by M. *Coulthurst*, Esq. seconded by *W. Sharp*, Esq., That the Secretary be desired to write to the absent proprietors of estates in this Island, soliciting their contributions to the objects of the Branch Association.

Resolved—That *R. Deane*, Esq. be requested to continue his valuable services as Treasurer.

Resolved—That the Rev. *J. H. Pinder* be requested to continue to act as Secretary.

HENRY WARDE.

At a Meeting of the Committee of the Branch Association, present

The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop,
The Venerable the Archdeacon,

Rev. Mr. Garnett,	R. Deane, Esq. *Treasurer*,
Rev. Mr. Harte,	Dr. Maycock,
Rev. Mr. King,	Hon. M. Coulthurst,
John Barrow, Esq.	Hon. R. Hamden.

The Resolutions of the last general meeting of the Association being read, it was

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Resolved 1st, on the motion of the Venerable the Archdeacon, seconded by *John Barrow*, Esq., That the following Circular be addressed to the rectors of the several parishes within the Island:—

Rev. Sir,—In pursuance of the second and third resolutions of the general meeting of the Branch Association, held on *October* 19, the Committee have very earnestly to request that you will have the goodness to open a book for subscriptions in your parish; and will take every opportunity of explaining the object of the Association, more especially with respect to the formation of Sunday-schools, and the recommending of daily religious instruction to the young on the several plantations.

I have the honor to be, &c. &c.

P. S.—The Committee will feel obliged by your forwarding, at your earliest convenience, the names of the subscribers, together with the amount of their subscriptions, to the Treasurer of the Association; and beg to add, that the smallest subscriptions and donations will be thankfully received.

Resolved—on the motion of M. *Coulthurst*, Esq. seconded by the Rev. Mr. *Garnett*, That it is advisable that, at every church and parochial chapel in the several parishes, there should be a person appointed as Sunday school-master, whose duty it shall be to attend at such church or chapel, at the hours of nine in the morning and three in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving and instructing (under the direction of the minister) such children as may be brought from the different plantations, and for preserving order among them during the time of divine service. And that the rectors of the several parishes be requested to select a person qualified, both by character and ability, for this office; and to transmit his name, with an accompanying letter of recommendation, to the Committee.

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Resolved—on the motion of Dr. *Maycock*, seconded by the Rev. Mr. *Harte*, That the Committee do not feel themselves warranted, at present, in offering a larger sum out of their funds than 10*l.* per annum to each Sunday schoolmaster; but they trust that when it is considered that his duties are entirely of a religious kind, and will be performed only on the Sabbath, persons of respectability will feel this sum to be a sufficient remuneration, and will be forward in offering themselves for the situation.

The Bishop laid on the table copies of Bishop *Ken's* Morning, Evening, and Midnight Hymns; together with a Morning and Evening Prayer on a Plantation.

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of this day be published.

(*Signed*) W. H. BARBADOS.

The Committee then adjourned to meet on *Wednesday*, the 1st of *November*, at the Central School, at 11 o'clock.

JOHN PACKER, *Acting Secretary.*

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APPENDIX, No. IV.

REPORT OF THE SAINT CHRISTOPHER BRANCH ASSOCIATION.

At the General Annual Meeting of the Subscribers, held, by advertisement, at the *Court House*, on *Thursday*, the 7th day of *September*, 1826,

HIS EXCELLENCY GOVERNOR MAXWELL, THE PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR:

The Secretary stated to the meeting, that, in conformity with the 2d and 5th of the Standing Resolutions of this Association, the former of which directs, that on the first Thursday in the month of September, annually, a general meeting of the Society should be held; and the latter, that the committee should make a report of their proceedings to such annual general meeting: the Report, so directed, had been prepared; and was then read, together with a statement of the funds, leaving a balance in the hands of the treasurer of 140*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* current money. After which, the following resolutions were entered into:—

Moved by the Hon. *John Woodley*, Esq. seconded by *Robert Claxton*, Esq. and

Resolved, 1*st*—That the Report of the Committee, just read, be adopted; that the Committee nominated last year be rechosen, with the addition of the following Gentlemen: *Thomas Harper*, *James R. Smith*, *Thomas Pemberton*, Esqrs.

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Dr. *Swanston*, the former Treasurer, having intimated his wish to resign that office, it was

Resolved, 2dly—That Mr. *Claxton* be requested to accept that situation, to which he assented; and reported that he had received from the late Treasurer the balance in his hands, as stated in the Report.

Moved by *James R. Smith*, Esq. seconded by *William Hanley*, Esq. and

Resolved, 3dly—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Committee and officers, for their attention and exertions during the past year.

Moved by the Rev. *A. Goddard*, seconded by the Rev. *J. B. Pemberton*, and

Resolved, 4thly—That the subscriptions be now renewed; and that the members of the Committees be authorized and requested to solicit donations and subscriptions.

Moved by the Hon. and Rev. *D. G. Davis*, seconded by *Thomas Harper*, Esq. and

Resolved, 5thly—That this Branch Association do proceed in its exertions, encouraged by the success which has attended its operations for the first year.

Moved by the Rev. *J. B. Pemberton*, seconded by the Rev. *J. J. Kerie*, and

Resolved, 6thly—That a copy of the Report, and of the proceedings of this day, be forwarded through the Rev. the Commissary, to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

Moved by *William Thomson*, Esq. seconded by the Hon. and Rev. *D. G. Davis*, and

Resolved, 7thly—That the Report be printed and published.

His Excellency the Chairman having quitted the chair, and his Honour the Attorney-General being called thereto,

It was unanimously resolved—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to his Excellency the Chairman, for his unremitted

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attention to the interests of the Society, and for his able conduct in the chair.

WILLIAM THOMSON, Sec.

At a meeting of the Committee, held immediately after the General Meeting had dispersed,

It was resolved—That a circular letter be addressed to the proprietors of estates, both resident and absent, requesting their support and assistance; and that appeals be made to them for contributions to our funds, to enable us more extensively to carry into effect the objects of this Society, by establishing Schools on the several estates in the island, and providing competent teachers; and that his Honour the Attorney-General, the Rev. the Commissary, and *Thomas Harper*, Esq. be a Sub-Committee to prepare and forward such circular letters.

That copies of the reports and proceedings of this day be printed, and circulated to each subscriber, and to each proprietor, agreeably to the preceding resolution.

WILLIAM THOMSON, Sec.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

The District Committee of "the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge," beg leave to present to the Subscribers the First Annual Report of their proceedings. The interests of this Society are so blended with those of the Incorporated Society, and which are detailed more fully in the Report which will be made by that Society, and the members composing each Committee being nearly the same, your Committee have only to furnish a statement of the books which have been received for the use of this Society, their appropriation either by gift or sale, and to give a state of the funds.

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About the beginning of the year, books were received, in consequence of the order of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, to the amount of 53*l.* 17*s.* 7*d.* sterling, or 107*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.* currency, of which there have been sold to the amount of 27*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.*, and books have been sent to the several schools in the island, and to the poor house; and there is a considerable number still on hand, ready for any purposes for which they may be required.

STATE OF FUNDS.

1826.	*Receipts.*			
Aug. 24.	To amount donations and subscriptions, from 24th August 1825, to date, is ..	£48	16	3
1826.	*Expenses.*			
Aug. 24.	By paid for card frames, sand trays, &c.	£4	1	9
	Howe, for advertisements	3	12	0
	Cable, for advertisements, &c.	6	15	0
	Printing 50 copies of Instructions before Baptism	2	14	0
	By cash in hand this day	31	13	6
		£48	16	3
1826.				
Aug. 24.	To balance in hand	£31	13	6
	In hand from the sale of books.....	27	17	3

Basseterre, Thursday, Sept. 7, 1826.

REPORT OF THE BRANCH ASSOCIATION.

It is with much satisfaction that the Committee of "the Branch Association of the Island of St. Christopher, in aid of the Corporation for the Conversion and Religious Instruction and Education of the Negro Slaves

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in the British West India Islands," present to the subscribers this First Annual Report of their proceedings. And they hope their Report will be found to contain matter of peculiar interest to the subscribers, and to the friends of religion in general.

The objects of this Branch Association being purely in aid of those set forth by the Parent Society, and which are so amply detailed in *their* printed Reports, your Committee conceive it unnecessary to waste time in dwelling upon them: how far the attainment of those objects has been attempted, will best be shown by a reference to the proceedings; and your Committee cannot more effectually communicate the progress which has been made in this good work in the several parishes throughout the Island, than by transcribing the Reports received from the respective Rectors, and which are as follow:—

From the Parish of St. George, Basseterre, (in which the principal Town of the Island is situated.)

The Rev. *D. G. Davis* writes, under date of the 14th *August*, 1826:—

"From *August* last year to *July* in this, with the assistance of my parish clerk, acting as catechist, I visited the twelve estates in this parish, for the purpose of religious instruction. The times appointed for visiting, were once in the fortnight for every estate. I have to lament that in many places there were very material interruptions in the plan I had laid down, especially during the crop. But I can confidently say, that on those estates on which the system has been the more regularly fol-

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lowed, material good has been done. I would mention as an instance, *Bulkeley's* estate, the property of Mr. *Abednego Mathew.* The system pursued was the reading selections from the Liturgy, and Mr. *Harte's* Lectures in succession, and instructing the young more particularly in the essential parts of the Catechism of our Church. In addition to these means, I have two inferior teachers, who go in the afternoon of several days in the week to the following estates: *Bulkeley's, Shadwell,* and *College,* to teach the children to read. My catechist, for his labours of the last year, was paid by the Lord Bishop, from money put at his lordship's disposal by his Majesty's government. The inferior teachers, above alluded to, were paid from a small sum put at my disposal by his excellency the Governor, which had been given by the New England Corporation.

" I can next state, that the school in *Basseterre,* on the national plan of instruction, is in the most flourishing condition, having 183 scholars under tuition, making rapid progress; of whom 31 are slaves. The master and mistress of this school (free coloured persons) are paid by the Bishop from funds put at his lordship's disposal by his Majesty's government. They receive 50*l.* sterling each per annum. The school-room and residence for master and mistress are paid by the Branch Association; the amount of this expense is 30*l.* sterling per annum. The Bishop has lately given me the assistance of one of the stipendiary clergymen, paid by his Majesty's government; with whose aid, instead of that of a catechist, the system of catechetical instruction will be regularly pursued on the estates in this parish during the next year. I have also to state, that I am authorised to fix a catechist at the *Salt Ponds,* for the exclusive in-

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struction of the slaves there, as the communication with them is so difficult. This catechist will be paid from the funds of the Parent Society.

" Within the twelvemonth I have baptized 25 adults, and 121 children."

From the Parish of St. Ann, Sandy-Point, (in which the second Town of the Island is situated,) and the Parish of St. Paul, Capisterre.

The Rev. *J. H. Walwyn* writes, under date of the 18th *August*, 1826:—

" In the parish of *St. Ann, Sandy Point*, a daily parochial and a Sunday School have been established, which are open to the destitute children of all classes. The former is, at present, attended by 64 scholars, (principally of the poor white and free coloured children,) who are instructed according to the mode adopted by the National Schools.

" In the parish of *St. Paul, Capisterre*, a Sunday School has been opened, expressly for the instruction of as many of the children of slaves as will attend. No precise statement of their number can be given, as it is continually fluctuating, owing to the attendance of the children being entirely optional with themselves: they may, however, be averaged at about 36. The teacher of this school, (a free coloured man,) and of the one in *Sandy-Point*, (a free coloured man also,) has received the appointment of catechist; and it is gratifying to be enabled to state, that (with one or two solitary exceptions) they have obtained the sanction of the residents throughout the two parishes, to visit their estates in rotation, for

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the purpose of affording religious instruction to the slaves, by the reading of prayers and familiar lectures, and by catechising the young."

From the Parish of St. Thomas, Middle Island, (in which the third Town of the Island is situated.)

The Rev. *William Hendrickson* writes, under date of the 18th *August*, 1826:—

"I transmit to you, for the information of the general meeting of the Branch Association, the following statement relative to the progress of the schools in the parish of *St. Thomas, Middle Island.* The Sunday School, as being of longest standing, I shall first attend to.

"This school was re-organised on taking up my residence in the parish, and by unwearied exertion and attention, it has continued in operation ever since; and I trust some little success has repaid the labour bestowed. Our numbers are not always the same, but we have a fair attendance every Sunday; in general not less than 100 children are receiving instruction, and the improvement of those who are regular is, I think, visible. Some are reading the Testament, and others, the books of the National School: a few can repeat the whole of the Church Catechism, and several, the greater part of it. On one estate in the parish, namely *Wingfield*, the children, in number 53, and 15 children on Mr. *Evans's* estate, are collected every Sunday morning, and, under the care of one of the Negroes, sent on to the church. I mention this because I consider the plan here pursued to be a good one; and I could only wish it were more generally adopted.

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" Through the kindness of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, in furnishing the means for the payment of a master and mistress, a school, on the national system, for all descriptions of destitute children, as well as slaves, has lately been established in *Old Road.* This school was opened on the 19th *June* last; and even in this early period of its existence, I am happy in being able to state, that there is every prospect of growing prosperity. There are at present nine white boys, and two girls; 24 free boys of colour, and 17 girls; nine boy slaves, and six girls; total, 67 children in the daily school. They are assembled at the school-room every Sunday morning, from whence they are brought on to the church, attended by the master; and as time will allow, they are there catechised.

" Within the year I have baptized 82 children and 85 adults, and solemnized three marriages—all slaves."

From the Parish of Trinity, Palmetto Point.

The Rev. *J. B. Pemberton* writes, under date of the 22d *August,* 1826:—

" The Sunday School, which I had established in this Parish near a twelvemonth ago, I regret to state, has gradually diminished from between forty and fifty children, to a very small number indeed. The attendance of these is irregular, and the teachers employed have deserted the Church, together with the pupils.

" I hope, however, by the expected aid of a Catechist and Schoolmaster, shortly to re-establish a Sunday School, and I doubt not that I shall receive the cordial

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assistance and co-operation of the Vestry in this undertaking, and also have every assistance afforded my Catechist by the proprietors and managers of estates in this parish, in the business of catechizing and instructing their slaves.

"The readiness displayed by the Vestry to adopt every measure of utility, and to alter, repair, and improve the Church, and provide for its requisite wants, convinces me of this. And from the estimates now making for a school-room, and another building recommended by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, I am sure that whatever can conduce to the spiritual advantage or comfort of the Slave population here, will be attempted, by the marked and uniform liberality I have witnessed, and also myself experienced from the Vestry of this parish.

"Since my residence in this parish, I have baptized 70 persons—43 adults, and 27 children."

From the Parishes of St. Mary, Cayon, and St. Peter, Basseterre.

The Rev. *J. H. Laurence* writes, under date of the 19*th August*, 1826:—

"I am sorry to have so little to report of my parishes. In *Cayon*, I have been unable to establish a Sunday School, in consequence, I conceive, of the influence of the extensive Moravian settlement situated so near to the parish Church. Indeed, it is not often we can do more than collect a sufficient congregation for Divine Service. I am looking out for a Catechist to attend the Estates, but have not yet met with one.

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"In *St. Peter's*, we have a Sunday School, but very thinly and irregularly attended, the numbers varying from two to twelve or fifteen. This, I think, may be in some degree accounted for, from its proximity to the large town establishment."

From the Parishes of Christ Church, Nichola Town, and St. John, Capisterre.

The Rev. *J. J. Kerie* writes, under date of the *22d August*, 1826:—

"I beg leave to state, that in the parish of *Nichola Town* I have been enabled to establish a Sunday School, which at present consists of 56 children, chiefly Slaves, who are instructed in the Catechism of the Church of England during the week by a competent person, and are examined by me on Sunday, at Church. I have within the last twelvemonth baptized 35 adults and children, all slaves.

"In the parish of *St. John, Capisterre*, I have likewise established a Sunday School, which consists at present of 52 children, principally slaves, who are instructed in a similar mode with those of *Nichola Town*. I have, within the past year, baptized in this parish, adults and children, 90 slaves, and have married four couples, slaves, by banns duly published in Church."

The following is a Statement of the Funds from the Treasurer's Report—by which it appears that there is a Balance in his hands of 140*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* current money.

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BRANCH ASSOCIATION

IN AID OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE NEGRO SLAVES.

Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure, from the 24th of August, 1825, to the 24th of August, 1826.

1825.	*Receipts.*			
Aug. 24.	Received from former Treasurer	£48	3	0
	Amount of Donations and Subscriptions	78	1	9
	Ditto of Collections at the several Churches.....	71	14	11½
		£197	19	8½

1826.	*Expences.*			
Aug. 24.	Stationery and Advertisements	£ 8	11	0
	Forms for School-room at Basseterre, and Card Cases	19	7	4½
	Six Months Rent of School-House ..	30	0	0
	Cash in hand this day	140	1	4
		£197	19	8½

1826.				
Aug. 24.	To Balance in hand this day	£140	1	4

Such are the details of the proceedings of the past year; and when the difficulties attendant on the introduction and establishment of any measure of a novel description, especially as connected with the moral and religious instruction of the licentious and unenlightened, are taken into consideration, your Committee trust it will appear that they, in conjunction with the Reverend the Clergy of the island, have not been inattentive to the important duties confided to them. When the good

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which has been done, in the short period allotted for it, shall be duly promulgated, they cannot for a moment doubt that the present Subscriptions will be readily renewed; and they feel assured that the spirit of liberality so generally manifested by the proprietors and residents of these Colonies upon all calls of humanity, will not be suppressed on an occasion of such important claim upon Christian charity.

Your Committee beg leave to conclude their Report by declaring their most cordial concurrence in the sentiments expressed, and in adopting the emphatic language used by the Parent Society on a recent occasion: —" Let the objects of this Association be suffered to have an influence, *unprejudiced by other considerations*, and they cannot fail to secure to it that well-stored treasury which may enable it, by the Divine blessing, to dispense a general instead of a partial benefit, and to extend its pious labours to the remotest corner of *these* Colonies, in which hitherto it has been only known as in a state of infancy and imperfection."

Basseterre, Thursday, Sept. 7th, 1826.

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BRANCH ASSOCIATION AT ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, 1825.

Dr.		£.	s.	d.
August 24.	To this sum paid over by Treasurer of former Society	48	3	0
	Collection, St. George Basseterre, by Sermon,	33	7	6
Oct. 7.	Rev. Mr. Davis do.	2	5	0
Nov.	Hendrickson, do.	2	5	0
	Hon. James Davoren, do.	2	2	0
	William Rawlins, do.	2	2	9
	Collection, St. Anns, Sandy Point, by Sermon,	20	11	6½
	Collection for Cayon, do.	3	16	2
	Do. for St. Peter, do.	6	6	3
	Do. for Palmetto Point do.	1	11	6
	Do. for St. Thomas Middle Island, do.	6	2	0
	Subscriptions	56	18	0
	Donations	9	4	0
		£194	14	8½

Cr.		£.	s.	d.
Sept. 26.	By payment of Cable's account for sundry advertisements from Oct. 1823 to date	4	14	6
	Secretary Thomson, for stationery	0	13	6
	Paid Peck's account for making forms for school-room, Basseterre	18	18	0
	Paid Charles Woodcock for 25 card-cases	0	9	4½
	Paid Mr. Sharry one quarter's rent of school-room, Basseterre	15	0	0
	Balance in hand	154	19	4
		£194	14	8½

*** This account made up to the period to which the Report goes down, in currency.

APPENDIX, No. V.

ANTIGUA BRANCH ASSOCIATION.

At a Public Meeting which was held at the *Court-House*, in the Town of *St. John*, on *Friday*, September the 22d, 1826, for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of establishing "A Branch Association for Promoting the Conversion and Religious Instruction and Education of the Slaves in this Island," in union with the Incorporated Society in *London*.

His Excellency the Governor (who had been graciously pleased to take the Chair) expressed his concurrence in the measure, and his willingness to promote the object contemplated, by every means in his power, and referred to the Venerable Archdeacon *Parry* to explain the nature and objects of the intended Association, which the Reverend Gentleman did at considerable length, in a clear, able, and impressive address; when

It was resolved,—

That a Branch Association be now established in this Island, in union with the Incorporated Society in *London*, for the Conversion and Religious Instruction and Education of the Negro Slaves in the *British West India* Islands.

That His Excellency the Governor be requested to do "The Branch Association" the honour of becoming its Patron.

That the Honourable and Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of the Diocese be requested to accept the office of President.

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That his Honour the President, and the Honourable the Members of His Majesty's Council; the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Assembly, and the Venerable the Archdeacon of Antigua, be requested to accept the Office of Vice-Presidents.

That Robert Grant, Esq. be requested to accept the Office of Treasurer.

That the Rev. Samuel Ashton Warner and the Rev. Robert Agassiz be requested to accept the Office of Secretaries.

That this Association be under the following Regulations:—

First, That every Subscriber of *2l.* currency, annually, and every Donor of 10*l.* at any one time, be a Member of this Association, and entitled to attend its General Meetings.

Secondly, That a General Meeting of this Society be held annually, on the last *Wednesday* in the month of *September*, and also upon such other days and times as the majority of the Committee, with the concurrence of the President, shall think fit to appoint.

Thirdly, That the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretaries, the Clergy, and as many of the under-named Gentlemen who will be kind enough to accept the office, viz.: the Hon. *John D. Taylor*, Hon. *Thomas Rogers*, Hon. *William Gilchrist*, Hon. *Richard W. Nanton*, *George W. Ottley*, Esq., *John Osborne*, Esq., *Thomas Coull*, Esq. M.D., *Batie E. Jarvis*, Esq., *Hugh Edwards*, Esq., *Thomas W. Hyndham*, Esq., *Chas. J. Barnard*, Esq., and *Joshua Dyett*, Esq., be appointed a Standing Committee for transacting the business of the Association, and for the purpose of making any communication or suggestion to the Incorporated Society in London.

Fourthly, That the said Committee do meet on the first *Wednesday* in the months of *January*, *April*, *July*, and *October*, to proceed to business as soon as five Members are assembled.

Fifthly, That the Committee do make a Report of their proceedings to the Annual General Meeting of the Subscribers.

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Sixthly, That any vacancies which may occur in the said Committee be filled up at a General Meeting.

Seventhly, That the Accounts of the Treasurer and Secretaries be open to the inspection of all the Members of the Committee, and be audited annually by a Sub-Committee of the same, previously to their being presented to the General Meeting.

Eighthly, That the Treasurer for the time being do present a statement of his Cash, by way of Debtor and Creditor, to the Committee, every quarter, in order that any surplus in his hands, above the sum necessary to meet the wants of the Association, may be applied in such manner as the General Meeting may direct.

Ninthly, That the Books, Tracts, and Papers which may be in store for the use of the Members of this Association, be placed in such Depository as the Committee may appoint, and entrusted to the care of the Secretaries.

Tenthly, That an account of the state of such Depository be regularly kept, and laid before the Committee at its Quarterly Meetings.

Eleventhly, That the Report of the proceedings of the Association, together with the list of the Officers and Members, be transmitted annually to the Incorporated Society in London.

That the Thanks of this Meeting be given to his Excellency the Governor, for the honour he has been kind enough to do them in taking the Chair, and for his able conduct therein.

(Signed) SAM. ASHTON WARNER, } Secretaries.
ROBERT AGASSIZ, }

Antigua, Oct. 10, 1826.

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At a Meeting of the *Antigua* Branch Association, for the Conversion and Religious Instruction and Education of the Negro Slaves, held at the *Court-House*, in the Town of *St. John*, on the *4th October*, 1826,

Present,

The Venerable Archdeacon Parry, the Hon. and Rev. Sam. W. Harman, the Rev. James Curtin, the Rev. Sam. A. Warner, the Rev. Robert Agassiz, Chas. J. Barnard, Esq. and Robert Grant, Esq.

It was Resolved,

That the Funds be appropriated, for the present, to the payment of subordinate Teachers on Estates, to be recommended to the Committee by the Clergyman of the Parish, with the sanction of the Proprietor, and that the sum of four dollars, quarterly, be the amount of the stipend of each.

That the Secretaries be requested to prepare a Report of the formation of the Association, of its proceedings at its establishment, and subsequent Meetings, and to forward the same to the Diocesan Secretary of the General Society, and also to have inserted in the newspapers of the Island a Report of this day's proceedings.

(Signed) Sam. Ashton Warner, Robert Agassiz, } Secretaries.

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APPENDIX, No. VI.

GRENADA BRANCH ASSOCIATION.

At a Meeting of the Clergy, Proprietors, and Residents of the Island of *Grenada*, convened for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of establishing a Branch Association of the Society for promoting the Conversion and Religious Instruction of the Negroes in the Colony, in union with the Incorporated Society in London, held on the 12th day of *July*, 1826,

His Excellency Sir James Campbell, K.C.B. in the Chair:—

The statement of the objects of such Associations, as made by the Governors of the Incorporated Society in London, were first read, and a relation of the present objects of the Institution was given to the meeting.

The object of this Society may be briefly stated to be the promotion of the religious instruction of the Slaves, by means of Catechists to be appointed by the Bishop of the Diocese, upon the recommendation of the Branch Association, who will, according to arrangements made by it, instruct the Slaves under the superintendance of the Clergy, upon such estates, in such manner, and at such times as the Proprietors, or their Agents, may from time to time find most convenient.

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IT WAS THEN RESOLVED,

Upon the motion of the Hon. *George Gun Munro*, seconded by the Hon. *Ousley Rowley*,

1st. That a Branch Association for this colony, in conformity to those objects, be now established.

Upon the motion of the Hon. *O. Rowley*, seconded by the Hon. *John Hayes*,

2d. That his Excellency the Governor be requested to accept the office of President.

Upon the motion of the Hon. *Geo. Gun Munro*, seconded by *James Boucher*, Esq.

3d. That the Hon. *Ousley Rowley* be requested to accept the office of Vice-President.

Upon the motion of the Hon. *Felix Palmer*, seconded by the Rev. *J. C. Barker*.

4th. That *Lewis Hayes*, Esq. be requested to accept the office of Treasurer.

Upon the motion of the Hon. *O. Rowley*, seconded by the Hon. *John Hayes*,

5th. That the Rev. *Brian Nurse* be requested to accept the office of Secretary, provided he become a resident in this colony.

The following Regulations were at the same time adopted:—

First. That every Subscriber of 2*l.* 5*s.* current money, and also every Donor of 11*l.* 5*s.* at any one time, be a Member of this Association, and entitled to attend its General Meetings.

Secondly. That a General Meeting of the Society be held quarterly, on the second *Wednesday* in the months of *January*, *April*, *July*, and *October*.

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Thirdly. That the Officers of the Association be appointed a standing Committee, for transacting the business of the Society, with the power of electing additional Members, not exceeding five.

Fourthly. That the said Committee do meet on the same day as the General Meeting, at any previous hour which may be convenient.

Fifthly. That the Committee do make a Report of their proceedings to the Quarterly General Meetings.

Sixthly. That any vacancies which may occur in the said Committee, be filled up at a General Meeting.

Seventhly. That the Accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary be open to the inspection of all the Members of the Committee, and be audited by them annually, previously to their being laid before the General Meeting.

Eighthly. That the Report of the proceedings of the Association, together with a list of the Officers and Members, be transmitted annually to the Incorporated Society in London.

Ninthly. That his Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of the proceedings of the Meeting to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

The business being concluded, and the Governor having left the Chair, it was unanimously resolved, upon the motion of the Hon. *G. G. Munro,* seconded by the Hon. *F. Palmer,*

That the Thanks of this Meeting be offered to his Excellency, for his able, attentive, and conciliating conduct in the Chair.

(Signed) J. C. Barker,
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At the Quarterly Meeting of the *Grenada* Branch Association of the Incorporated Society for the Conversion and Religious Instruction and Education of the Negro Slaves, held at the Parsonage House, in the Town of *St. George*, on *Wednesday*, the 11th day of *October*, 1826,

Present,

His Excellency Sir James Campbell, K.C.B. *President*, (in the Chair.)

The Hon. Ousley Rowley, *Vice President*.
——— George Gun Munro,
——— Felix Palmer,
——— Robert Henry Church,
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The minutes of the proceedings of the last Meeting having been read, upon the motion of Mr. *Barker*, seconded by Mr. *Rowley*, his Excellency the Governor was pleased to vacate his office of President, and to accept that of Patron of the Association; and the Lord Bishop of *Barbados* was nominated to fill the chair of the President.

Mr. Rowley then moved the following Resolutions:—

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1st. That the Grenada Branch Association having been instituted for the purpose of carrying into effect, within this government, the objects and designs of the London "Incorporated Society for the Conversion and Religious Instruction and Education of the Negro Slaves," this present Meeting do take such immediate measures for the furtherance of the same, as far as may be consonant to the wishes of the Proprietors of Slaves and their Agents.

2d. That Subscriptions be raised, without delay, by the Members of this Association, and that the resident gentry of this colony be invited to contribute their assistance.

3d. That it appears desirable to establish, as soon as possible, a Catechist in the Parish of St. Andrew, for the purpose of instructing the Slaves of that populous quarter of the Island.

4th. That his Excellency the Governor be requested to make application to the Bishop of *Barbados*, to supply funds out of the money placed at his Lordship's disposal for that purpose, to establish and support Catechists in the other Parishes of this Government.

5th. That this Branch Association do strongly recommend to the Proprietors and Attorneys of Estates, to use their utmost endeavours to induce their Managers and other White Servants, on the estates under their charge, to further the objects of the Association, both by example and precept, and by applying a portion of their time in assisting the Catechists and Clergymen in their arduous undertakings.

The above Resolutions being agreed to and passed, upon motion of Mr. *Rowley*, seconded, a copy thereof, and of the proceedings of the meeting, together with the names of the Members present, was ordered to be inserted in the *Grenada* Gazette and Free Press newspapers; and his Excellency the Governor was requested

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to transmit a copy of the same to the Lord Bishop of *Barbados*, with a request on the part of this Association, that his Lordship would be pleased to accept the office of President.

Upon the motion of Mr. *Barker*, seconded, the fifth regulation at the last meeting was amended, by adding to the standing committee all Clergymen resident in the colony; and,

Upon motion of Mr. *Rowley*, seconded, the Secretary was requested to inform Mr. President *Paterson* of the proceedings of this meeting, and to request his support and co-operation in the same.

The Meeting was then adjoured to the Quarterly Meeting in *January*.

A true copy.

(Signed) J. C. Barker,
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APPENDIX, No. VII.

ST. VINCENT BRANCH ASSOCIATION.

At a Meeting of the Clergy, Proprietors, and other residents of the Island of *St. Vincent*, convened for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of establishing a Branch Association "for promoting the conversion and religious instruction of Negroes" in this colony, in union with the Incorporated Society in London, held on the 8th day of *August*, 1826, at the *Court House*, in *Kingston;*

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of *Barbados* in the Chair.

The statement of the objects of such Associations, as made by the Governors of the Incorporated Society in London, having been read;

It was resolved,—

That this Meeting is of opinion, that the extension of the means of religious instruction is the best foundation for the improvement of the civil as well as moral condition of the Negroes in the West India Colonies.

That the Incorporated Society in London for the Conversion and Religious Instruction and Education of the Negro Slaves in the British West India Colonies, are entitled to the gratitude of this Island for their exertions in promoting the objects of this Society; and that a Branch Association, in conformity with those objects, be now established in this Colony.

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That his Excellency the Governor be requested to accept the office of Patron.

That the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of the Diocese be requested to accept the office of President.

That the Hon. *John Roche Dasent* and the Hon. *John Dalzell* be requested to accept the offices of Vice-Presidents.

That *George Hartley*, Esq. be requested to accept the office of Treasurer.

That the Rev. *Lansdown Guilding*, the Rev. *Nathaniel Struth*, and the Rev. *Robert Holburton*, be requested to accept the office of Joint Secretaries.

That this Association be under the following Regulations:—

First. That every Subscriber of Two Pounds current money, annually, also every Donor of Ten Pounds like money, at any one time, be a Member of this Association, and entitled to attend its General Meetings.

Secondly. That a General Meeting of the Society be held annually, on the first *Tuesday* in the month of *December*, at the *Court House;* and also upon such other days and times as the majority of the Committee, with the concurrence of the President, shall think fit to appoint.

Thirdly. That the Hon. *John Roche Dasent*, the Hon. Sir *William Struth*, the Hon. *Richard Anindell*, the Hon. *John Dalzell*, *Gilbert Munro*, *Charles Shephard*, and *Nathaniel Bassnett Cropper*, Esqrs. or any five of them, be appointed a standing Committee, for transacting the business of the Association.

Fourthly. That the said Committee do meet on the first *Tuesday* of every Quarter, to proceed to business as soon as five Members shall be assembled.

Fifthly. That the Committee do make a Report of their Proceedings to the Annual General Meeting of the Subscribers, on the first *Tuesday* in *December*.

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Sixthly. That any vacancies which may occur in the said Committee be filled up by ballot.

Seventhly. That the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretaries be open to the inspection of all the Members of the Committee, and be audited annually by a Sub-Committee, previously to their being presented to the General Meeting.

Eighthly. That the Treasurer for the time being, do present a statement of his cash, by way of Debtor and Creditor to the Committee every quarter.

Ninthly. That the Report of the Proceedings of the Association, together with a list of the Officers and Members, be transmitted annually to the Incorporated Society in London, through the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

(Signed) W. H. BARBADOS.

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